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'Total shambles' says Tory MP

Channel link opening put off until 2002

BY TIM JONES, AND NICHOLAS WOOD

■ The latest postponement of the Channel tunnel rail project has increased fears that the £3 billion high-speed link may never be built

ANOTHER delay in the high-speed rail link between the Channel tunnel and London means the first trains are unlikely to run before 2002 — and the latest setback led to fears last night that the line might never be built at all.

With the tunnel due to open next year, vital decisions have still to be made on how the £3 billion rail line from Folkstone to London will be funded. John MacGregor said yesterday that the final route would be published in January, but he would not say how much money the government would put into the project.

The transport secretary's announcement provoked immediate angry accusations that the project had fallen victim to public spending cuts and was denounced by MPs of all parties, who demanded an end to the uncertainty surrounding the route. Sir Keith Speed, Conservative MP for Ashford, which is on both proposed routes, described it as "a bloody disgrace".

Transport sources conceded last night that spending pressures had played a part in the announcement, but they insisted that the main reason for the delay was the complexity of the legislation needed. The bill will not be ready before next autumn and could take two years to get through Parliament. In the meantime, the government is to launch a competition to choose a private partner to design, build and operate the link. Tenders will be invited, with bidders stating how much government contribution they would require and how risks would be shared.

The bill had originally been expected to receive the royal assent in 1995, with the line being completed by 2000, but the new timetable means trains will almost certainly not run before 2002 at the earliest.

Sir Keith, who said the battle over the link had damaged his health, said last night: "This is a total shambles and a bloody disgrace. There might be a worse department in Europe, but it is difficult to think of one. We have been living with this farce for six years, but it seems the blight and uncertainty will continue for people living along the route. I now have serious doubts as to whether the line will ever be built."

Paul Channon, chairman of the transport select committee and a former Tory transport secretary, was also disappointed. "It will cause tremendous uncertainty for those who don't know whether or not the link will affect them. The select committee may also feel that a Channel tunnel without a proper link for what may be very nearly ten years is unacceptable."

He was backed by Bob Dunn, chairman of the Conservative backbench transport committee, while Labour denounced the decision as a betrayal of the country's economic interests and the Liberal Democrats said the government was bent on repeating the on-off fiasco of the Jubilee line London Underground extension.

Frank Dobson, the shadow transport secretary, said: "The Tories are a government of dither and blight. Like Midas in reverse, everything they touch turns to dross." The Channel tunnel was supposed to provide Britain with fast, regular and reliable access to the European rail network, but without the link most of the benefits would be lost. "The first train from Paris will run to Calais at 180mph, through the tunnel at 85mph and from Dover to Waterloo at 47mph."

The people of Kent and east London now faced years of uncertainty and would be unable to sell their homes. "For the families affected, the transport secretary will go down in history as MacGregor the blighter."

Nick Harvey, for the Liberal Democrats, said: "It appears the link is open for bids but not for business. The government announcement will prove to be futile unless they accept some of the real risks involved." Mr MacGregor had said earlier that the government was prepared to take a share of the risks, "for example, the legislative risks which are inherent in holding the competition before the link has been given statutory approval".

Until the line is built, trains from Folkestone will run into Waterloo on existing Network SouthEast lines. Senior British Rail managers believe that because the recession has cut passenger numbers, they will "just about be able to cope".

Operation on Laura 'a mistake'

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN WASHINGTON

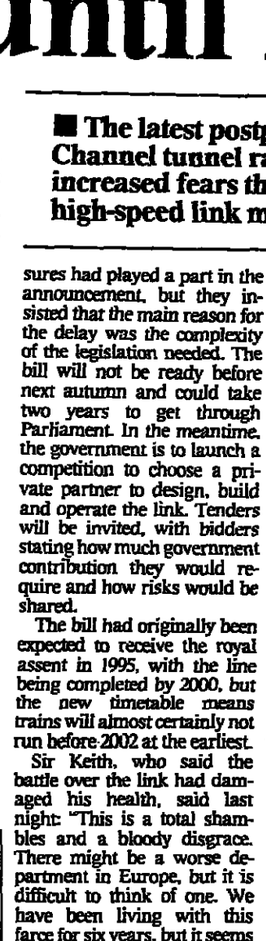
ANDREA Tzakis, the American surgeon who carried out the second mulit-organ transplant on five-year-old Laura Davies, who died yesterday, said last night the second operation had been a mistake.

Laura died after her parents agreed to doctors switching off the ventilator at the Pittsburgh Children's hospital. Dr Tzakis said the "wonder-drug" FK-506, given to encourage the acceptance of transplanted organs, had broken down Laura's immune system, resulting in brain damage.

"We have been accused of inflicting unnecessary pain," he said. "In retrospect, since she died without any meaningful survival between the operation and last night, this criticism has proven to be correct."

The surgeon, plainly moved, said that Laura's death after initially favourable results had profoundly upset the team.

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Shoppers will play UK's hi-tech lottery

BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

BRITAIN'S £2 billion national lottery is to be played by way of computers able to process tickets in seconds. They will be based in shops which will pay out smaller wins on the spot, but the £1 million jackpot will be handed over in televised ceremonies.

Guidelines for groups preparing bids to run the lottery say it must be seen as "a tasteful and acceptable way to win money" and that it may become the "biggest in the world". A draft invitation to bid, published yesterday by Peter Davis, the lottery's director-general, provides details of its probable format:

☐ Local shops will offer a variety of games, such as Lotto and scratch-cards with instant winners, and different levels of prizes.

☐ Retailers will be expected to pay out smaller cash sums, while jackpot winners will be televised receiving their cheques. Prizes not won will be carried over, but for no more than three consecutive games.

☐ A share of profits from television rights will have to be given to the causes which will benefit from lottery proceeds — the arts, sport, heritage, charities and the Millennium Fund.

☐ The sale of tickets will not be allowed in the street, betting offices, amusement arcades, bingo or "gaming halls", private homes or at race tracks.

☐ A "customers' charter" will set out the playing standards participants will be entitled to expect.

☐ The director-general of the lottery will have wide powers of inspection and regulation.

The guidelines pay particular attention to consumer protection and to the prevention of lottery addiction. Game-

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SIMON WALKER

The Queen Mother during yesterday's remembrance service at Westminster Abbey on the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Armistice

Queen Mother salutes Flanders' fallen

BY JOE JOSEPH AND JOHN YOUNG IN YPRES

CLUTCHING a rolled-up umbrella and her own teenage memories of the first world war, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother led a moving remembrance service in Westminster Abbey yesterday to mark the 75th anniversary of the Armistice.

At Ypres, Belgium, under the great arches of the Menin Gate, old and young alike also joined in commemoration of the fallen in the fields of Flanders. The ceasefire ended a war in which 12 million died and which many thought so bloody it would put an end to all wars.

A thousand soldiers' backs stiffened as the *Last Post* echoed through the Abbey. Big Ben near by tolled the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, exactly 75 years on from the signing of the Armistice.

In Ypres at the age of 100 Reg Glenn, from Sheffield, smiled and chatted happily while a few feet away eight-year-old Damian Rhodes, from Nottingham, gazed wonderingly at the walls inscribed with the names of the 55,000 British and Commonwealth soldiers whose bodies were lost forever in the Flanders mud.

"I don't come here just to look at graves and to feel miserable," Mr Glenn said. "These are the names of my friends and comrades. I remember them as they were then, and they would like me to be having a good time."

Damian was with his brother Tristan, 12, and sisters Kimberley, 11, and Kylie, 9. Their great-grandfather, Harold Hollis, served on the Western Front in the Great War and they were making their first visit with their parents to the battlefields and cemeteries.

Under a sunlit sky the clock in the tower of the rebuilt medieval Cloth Hall struck the 11th hour. The combined bands of the Cheshire and the Devon and Dorset regiments launched into *Colonel Bogey* leading the Anglo-Belgian parade of veterans, uniformed servicemen and relatives.

Mr Glenn, who was commissioned in August 1918, did not talk of mud and rotting bodies, but of the fun he still gets from his annual pilgrimages. What was he doing on Armistice Day? "Oh, I was home wounded and was convalescing in Inverness, which was a nice long way from the action. I think we all got very drunk."

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Museum's prize fly turns out to be fake

BY NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

THE discovery that one of the Natural History Museum's prize specimens is a fake means that the history of the fly will have to be rewritten. Scientists had for years believed that the specimen fly, preserved in amber, was 38 million years old; but it is Victorian.

The fly has been discovered to be the work of a 19th-century faker, one of many catering for the lucrative Victorian market.

It is *Fannia scalaris*, the latrine fly, which is related closely to the modern house fly, according to Dr Richard Fortey, the museum's expert in fossil flies. "The next oldest fly of this type — and now the oldest — is only about a million years old," he said.

The fake was exposed by a doctoral student, Andrew Ross, who has been examining the museum's amber collection. He noticed a line running through the piece and found that a piece of Baltic amber had been cut in half, a depression cut in one half, and the pieces reassembled with the fly between.

The museum bought the fly among 300 specimens in 1922, from a German fly expert, H F Loew. It was studied in the 1960s by the entomologist Willi Hennig, who pointed out that it was unchanged by 38 million years. "People were puzzled by that," Dr Fortey said. "Species just don't have that kind of longevity".

Adams angry as Clinton refuses to grant US visa

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

GERRY Adams, the Sinn Fein president, reacted angrily last night to President Clinton's refusal to grant him an American visa on the ground that he was a leading IRA strategist.

Mr Adams claimed that his only connection with terrorism was his aim to prevent it and he accused Mr Clinton of falling for lies concocted by the British government. Mr Clinton outlined his objections to Mr Adams in a letter to David Dinkins, the outgoing mayor of New York, who had invited Mr Adams to America. He wrote: "Credible evidence exists that Adams remains involved at the highest level in devising PIRA strategy. Moreover, despite his recent talks with Social Democratic and Labour Party leader John Hume, Adams still has not renounced terrorism."

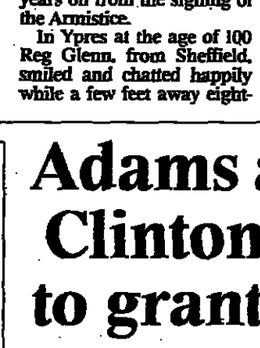
The president cited the bombing in Shankill Road last month, which killed ten people, as an example of the "brutal and terrorist nature" of the IRA. The bombing had undermined efforts to resume dialogue between Northern Ireland's parties, Mr Clinton added in the letter which was leaked to *The Irish Times*.

Mr Adams said that he would write to Mr Clinton and said: "It is a matter of concern, of course, that this black propaganda should be repeated by President Clinton as a spurious excuse for censoring Sinn Fein by visa denial."

Mr Clinton's letter marks a hardening of his position towards Sinn Fein, and shows that London has a greater sway than the powerful Irish-American lobby. During last year's election, Mr Clinton said that if elected he would consider granting a visa to Mr Adams. Since then the Sinn Fein president has lost his seat at Westminster and the government has banned him from entering Britain.

Mr Adams also announced yesterday that he would be mounting a legal challenge to the ban, which was imposed last month on the ground that he was involved in the "commission, preparation or instigation of terrorism". He also defended his decision to carry the coffin of Thomas Begley, the IRA bomber who blew himself up after planting the Shankill bomb.

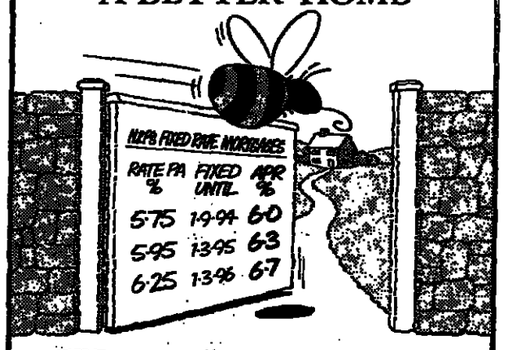
In an interview in the *Anderstown News* he said: "I was aware it would create controversy, but what I am concerned about is trying to create circumstances in which there aren't any more Thomas Begleys."



Adams: says Clinton fell for British lies

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Press response to Brooke

Editors could be sacked for breach of conduct code

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

NEWSPAPER editors could face dismissal for breaching the industry's code of conduct under new rules to be proposed by the Press Complaints Commission (PCC), which would make adherence to the code part of their contract of employment.

The measure marks the industry's first response to Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, who has put the press on renewed notice that it faces restrictions if it is unable to make the "quantum leap" required to transform its system of self-regulation into one that is "credible" and "carries conviction".

In the wake of the row over the decision by the Mirror group to publish "peeping Tom" photographs of the Princess of Wales, one option gaining ground was for newspaper editors to meet representatives from Buckingham Palace in



Sir David: will put suggestion to PCC

order to discuss the issue of media intrusion into the private lives of the royal family.

Peter Preston, editor of *The Guardian*, said that that such a meeting would go a long way to quell increasing political unrest about media intrusion, as most of the concern centred on stories about the royal family.

"I would welcome the opportunity for an animated discussion with Buckingham Palace on how the press is to cover the royal family. Since the palace is obviously so concerned about the issue, I think it would be constructive," he said.

Sir David English, chairman of Associated Newspapers, said: "Such a meeting certainly would be cosmetically good and might be constructive too."

A spokeswoman for Buckingham Palace said that it had received no formal approach from the newspaper industry.

The last time representatives of the media were called in by Buckingham Palace officials was in December 1981, when Michael Shea, then the Queen's press secretary, appealed to newspaper and broadcasting editors to allow the Princess of Wales more privacy during her first pregnancy.

As a first step, however, Sir David said he would be recommending to the commission's code committee, which he chairs, that it require all editors to bind themselves contractually to the PCC's code of conduct, so that any breach would become a sackable offence. Although the code was agreed by all editors, it is a voluntary document and not legally binding.

"If a maverick editor decided to do something that clearly broke the code, in defiance of his publisher, then he would immediately be liable to be sacked," he said.

Sir David added that Associated, which owns the *Daily Mail* and the *Mail on Sunday*, would be taking immediate steps to make the code part of the employment contracts of its editors. The practice of including the code has been pioneered by News International, owner of *The Times*, but has yet to become widespread in the industry.

While editors recognised Mr Brooke's willingness to discuss continued self-regulation, they gave a lukewarm reception to the minister's suggestions that the press should create a voluntary ombudsman to deal solely with matters of privacy and who would be empowered to recommend compensation.

Mr Preston, who is also a member of the PCC, said, however, that editors were keen to be seen to be "doing something" as soon as possible, to restore political and public confidence in self-regulatin. A voluntary ombudsman for privacy might work, he said, as long as the post was part of the PCC. "We would have to make sure that such a system could be administered smoothly," he added.

Sir David rejected the idea of compensation for victims of privacy intrusion. "It would lead to thousands of false claims," he said.

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Irish-American lobby annoyed by visa decision

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton's rejection of an American visa for Gerry Adams has dismayed and angered the Irish-American lobby, which had been trying to win over White House support for the Adams-Hume peace initiative and a new approach in American policy towards Northern Ireland.

The president was ridiculed yesterday for suggesting that Mr Adams posed a threat to America's national security. Father Sean McManus, head of the Irish National Caucus in Washington, said: "That's patently absurd. Americans are quite capable of listening to someone else's views and making up their own minds."

This resentment towards Mr Clinton was provoked by the leaking of a letter he wrote at the end of last month to David Dinkins, who was then fighting for re-election as mayor of New York. Mr Clinton explained why he would not grant a waiver to an earlier rejection of a visa for Mr Adams. "Credible evidence exists that Adams remains involved at the highest level in devising PIRA [Provisional IRA] strategy," he said. Mr Clinton added that despite his talks with Mr Hume, leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, Mr Adams "still has not publicly revoked terrorism".

Mr Dinkins went on to lose the election despite his long support for Irish extremists, which included his naming a street after Joe Doherty, who lost a nine-year battle against extradition for the murder of a British soldier. Many of New York's Irish voted for Rudolph Giuliani, Mr Dinkins' Republican opponent.

The campaign to give Mr Adams a visa was again forced into the White House limelight last Thursday by nine members of the Congressional ad hoc committee for Irish affairs, led by Joseph Kennedy from Boston. The committee met Anthony Lake, the president's national security adviser, who said there was no way Mr Adams would be granted a visa.

There is nothing new in the Clinton administration's position. Members of Sinn Fein have routinely been barred from the United States since the Reagan-Thatcher years, but the Irish-American lobby's hopes for a change had been raised by the Hume-Adams dialogue and by promises Mr Clinton made during his election campaign.

During the run-up to the New York Democratic primary in April last year, Mr Clinton appeared before an Irish forum and was asked if, as president, he would grant American visitors' visas to Mr Adams and other prominent members of Sinn Fein to allow them to defend their views before the American people.

Mr Clinton replied: "I would support a visa for Gerry Adams and I would support them for every other properly elected official who was part of a government recognised by the US. I think it would be totally harmless to our national security interests and might be enlightening to the political debate in this country about the issues involved."

When asked about this statement yesterday, a White House official claimed that Mr Clinton only said he would consider granting a visa, but as Mr Adams was no longer a British MP he was not entitled to special consideration. An official said that the visa request had been denied on the advice of Janet Reno, the attorney-general, and Warren Christopher, Secretary of State, because of Mr Adams's "involvement in terrorist activities and his refusal to renounce them".

Another Clinton campaign pledge that he would send a peace envoy to Ireland is still under consideration, according to a White House official.

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Paisley calls for new Northern Ireland assembly

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

A NEW Northern Ireland assembly should be established to draw up proposals on Ulster's future government, which would replace the Anglo-Irish Agreement, the Rev Ian Paisley said yesterday.

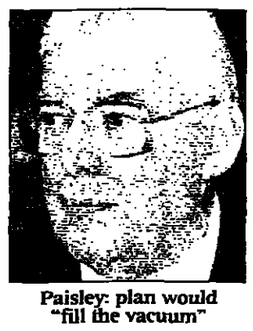
Unveiling the plan — *Breaking The Logjam*, which was presented to John Major in September — Mr Paisley said in Belfast it would fill the present political vacuum. It was immediately condemned by the other constitutional parties, including the Ulster Unionists.

The leader of the Democratic Unionist Party said that the assembly would only negotiate with Dublin on Northern Ireland's relations with the republic under three conditions.

First, the assembly would have to conclude its own negotiations on an internal solution to Ulster. Second, Dublin would have to remove Articles 2 and 3 of the Irish consitution, which lay claim to the territory of Northern Ireland. Third, the Anglo-Irish Agreement would have to be suspended during the negotiations. Only then would the assembly negotiate with Dublin on a replacement to the agreement.

In a radio interview yesterday, Dr Paisley, MP for Antrim North, challenged John Hume, the SDLP leader, and Gerry Adams of Sinn Fein, to make available a document produced after their recent talks.

Mr Paisley said: "Let's see it. Why is it that the Pope is supposed to have seen this document? [President] Clinton is supposed to have seen this document. Other members like that black man from Africa — eh, Mr Mandela — he has seen these proposals. And I am a voter and a member of Parliament and I am not allowed to see them. Yet they are deciding my future. Is that democracy?"



Paisley: plan would "fill the vacuum"

Spanish slaughter methods 'barbaric'

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT, AND EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

BRITAIN accused Spain yesterday of "flagrant abuse" of European Community abattoir rules after the RSPCA released film of Spanish slaughtermen stabbing sheep and cattle without stunning them first.

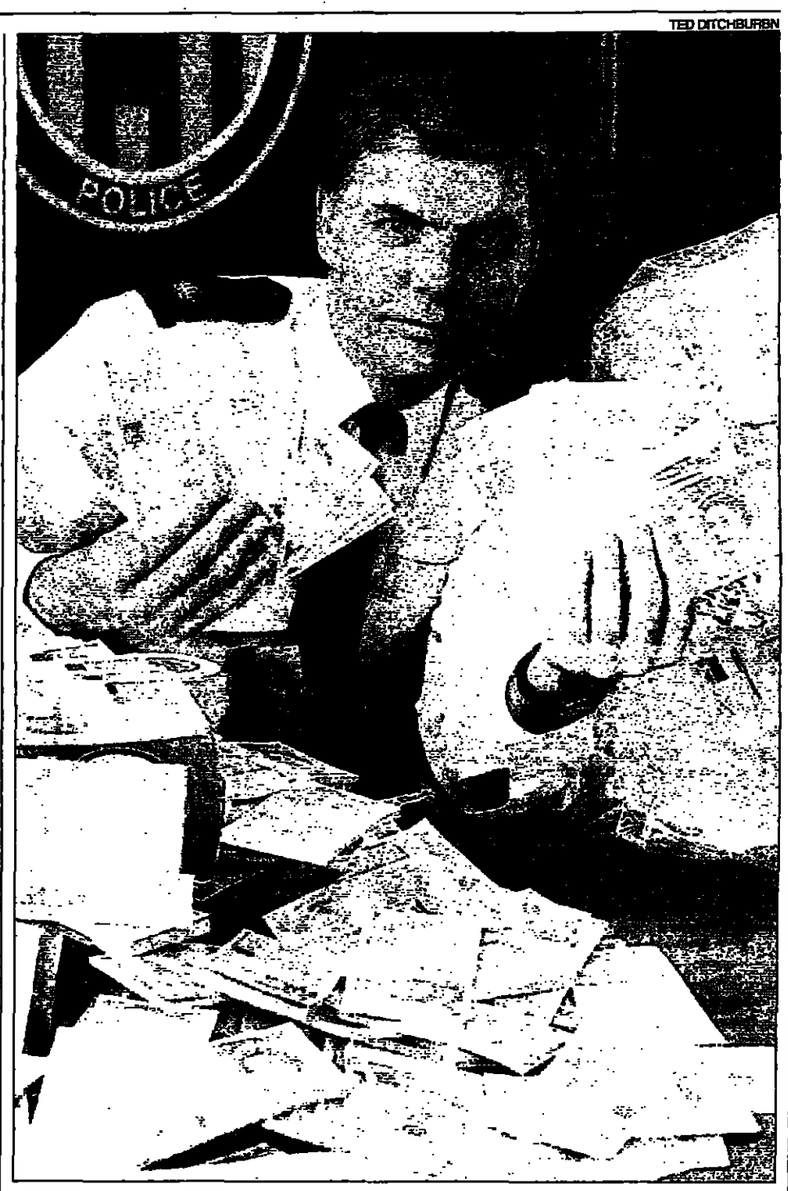
The video, taken by RSPCA undercover agents, shows abattoir workers plunging screwdrivers into the necks of sheep in a clumsy attempt to paralyse them and repeatedly stabbing a bullock in a slaughter pen with knives fixed to the end of broom handles.

Nicholas Soames, a junior agriculture minister, said the government would be making "the most robust representations" to the European Commission. He added: "It is completely unacceptable. It is in flagrant abuse of European rules and regulations and shows wanton unconcern about what are moral and ethical matters."

The minister's outburst was echoed by José Villalba, the mayor of Nerva, a town in southwest Spain where one of the abattoirs visited by the RSPCA is located. "This is real barbarity," he said on being told of the film's contents. "I will start an immediate investigation." The Spanish agriculture ministry in Madrid also promised to enquire into the matter.

Under EC slaughterhouse law, animals are supposed to be stunned, either with a captive-bolt pistol that penetrates the brain or with electrocution tongs, before their throats are cut. It is well known that Spanish slaughterhouses frequently dispense with these preliminaries or carry them out inadequately.

TED DITCHBURN



Supt Dave Swift holding forged £20 notes with a face value of £1 million seized after a year-long under-cover operation on Tyneside. Detectives say that the notes are of excellent quality and could easily have fooled consumers. "Experts would have difficulty in deciding whether they were genuine," Det Chief Supt Barry Stewart, head of Northumbria CID, said yesterday. The paper they are printed on is identical to that used for genuine banknotes; only an ultra-violet light can indicate they are forgeries. Northumbria police have been working since last year to find the source of counterfeit notes that have been turning up regularly in Newcastle pubs and clubs.

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playing devices, such as video lottery machines, have been criticised for promoting over-use and dependency. In a special note to the guidelines, Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, makes clear that games that encourage excess playing will not be licensed.

Controls on under-age players, covering those under 16, are also given priority. Games played by telephone will not be allowed and unattended vending machines will not be permitted to sell tickets.

The lottery, which may generate £2 billion in its first year and up to £4 billion in its second, will provide significant financial gains to its operator after the third or fourth year. For that reason, potential operators had hoped a 12-year licence would be granted. Yesterday, however, Mr Davis announced that the licence would run for seven years. Bids must be submitted by the middle of next February.

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Drug gives hope for treating breast cancer

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

A NEW drug could provide hope for women with advanced breast cancer, according to scientists.

Results to be presented this weekend, at the European Conference of Clinical Oncology in Jerusalem, show that formestane, a new hormone treatment, is as effective in treating breast cancer as tamoxifen, the existing drug of choice. This means that women who no longer respond to tamoxifen could be treated with formestane, which works by blocking the production of oestrogen.

The findings from an international trial involving 409 patients, will be presented by Dr Louis Mauriac of the Fondation Bergonié, a cancer institute in Bordeaux, southwest France. Formestane, which is manufactured by the drug company Ciba, has been on the market for some months but is not yet in widespread use.

Prince retreats in face of Gallic cheek

FROM ALAN HAMILTON IN ABU DHABI

THE gesture was one the Prince of Wales could hardly fail to notice and there is little doubt that it was calculated to attract his attention. Touring the Dubai air show yesterday, to lend support to a massive presence by the British aerospace industry which seeks to expand its already lucrative Middle East markets, the prince was inspecting British hardware when his eye was caught by two air force pilots snapping smartly to attention with an immaculate salute.

He went straight to them, shook them warmly by the hand, and engaged them in conversation. When they replied "*Bonjour*" he realised he had made a gaffe. They were French air force pilots there to demonstrate Mirage fighters.

Group Captain the Prince of Wales, honorary Air Commodore of RAF Valley, beat a dignified but hasty retreat into the control room of a thoroughly British missile system made in Hertfordshire. The incident would have been no more than a friendly encounter between fellow-fliers except for the fact that the British and French aerospace and defence industries are locked in mortal combat for second position in the world export league after the United States. Britain has achieved sales of £6 billion so far this year, behind the US at £10 billion and ahead of France, at £4.5 billion.

The British thought they had done well to attract the royal visitor to what is now the largest aircraft and arms bazaar in the world outside Europe. Until yesterday, the most important French presence had been the chief of their air staff. The Germans sent only an economics ministry parliamentary secretary.

But Gallic impertinence stole the day. Paul Beaver of Jane's, the defence publishers, said: "When it comes to showmanship and marketing, the French leave the British standing most of the time."

The Prince eventually touched base with a Lynx helicopter crew from HMS *Liverpool*. The words "Royal Navy" were emblazoned prominently on their flying suits. But they did not salute. In the British armed services, you do not salute an officer who is not wearing his hat.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Nadir administrator has passport taken

The British liquidator Michael Jordan had his passport removed by Turkish authorities in Istanbul after allegations of bribery by Asil Nadir. Mr Jordan and David Kidd, a lawyer, who are both administrators of Polly Peck International, were summoned to the Turkish prosecutors' office yesterday to answer allegations that they had paid substantial bribes to dispose of assets belonging to Mr Nadir, the group's former chairman. After a three-hour meeting, held at their own request, the men's passports were returned and they were due to return home last night.

The passports of both men were demanded by Turkish police who visited their hotel on Wednesday night after both men had flown in to make enquiries over a company once owned by Mr Nadir. The allegations against them have been denied.

Thief shooting admitted

A businessman who shot and seriously wounded a burglar during a raid on his home in Staffordshire was given a suspended jail sentence yesterday in what the trial judge described as "wholly exceptional circumstances". Ibrahiem Jaeban fired at the gang's fleeing car, hitting the driver. Sentencing him to 18 months' imprisonment, suspended for two years, Judge Allardice said: "I accept that you were very frightened when you saw your action had caused serious injury to one burglar."

Mining strike vote

Miners are to be balloted on selective strike action in support of a pay claim. Delegates of the National Union of Mineworkers in Sheffield decided to call for a postal ballot to be held between December 13 and 20. The union's 15,000 members will be asked to support selective action in January, including the possibility of an overtime ban. The proposed action would be in support of a claim for a "substantial" pay increase. Union members have not received a rise in pay for more than two years.

Cheaper flights likely

Air fares between Britain and Hong Kong from Heathrow are expected to fall in February when Virgin Atlantic joins the route at present flown by British Airways and Cathay Pacific. Peter Sutch, chairman of Cathay, urged Virgin not to start a price war. Virgin said: "Competition need not be suicidal and in fact is usually very healthy."

£149,000 for Constables

An anonymous British collector paid £149,300 at Sotheby's, London, yesterday for two previously unknown watercolours by John Constable. They belonged to an unnamed woman from Dedham Vale, the artist's heartland on the Suffolk-Essex border, whose family had owned them for many years without having them officially verified as Constables.

School challenge fails

A father has failed in his legal attempt to challenge Bradford Metropolitan Borough Council's schools admissions policy. Mr Justice McCullough, in the High Court, dismissed an application by Mohammed Kholil, of Bradford, for judicial review of rejection of claims that the council's policy was unlawful and racially discriminatory.

Boy may be in UK



Three men will appear in the High Court today as part of the hunt for Oliver Malkin, 12, abducted in France by his father Peter. Legal moves were also under way to serve orders on another five people who might have information about the boy's whereabouts. Kent police believe father and son could have slipped into the UK in a red VW Golf, registration number 990 KNF 75.

Shipyard cuts more jobs

Further redundancies among the 1,500 workers at the Swan Hunter shipyard on Tyneside will be announced today. More than 700 workers have lost their jobs since receivers were appointed in May. No figure has been put on the latest dismissals. Price Waterhouse, the receivers, are trying to find a buyer for the yard.

Fitter too fat to work

A 22st Liverpool fitter has been suspended from work on full pay because he is too fat (Philip Bassett writes). The engineering worker, normally employed in the Liverpool docks, has been told he can resume work only when he has lost at least two stone. His employer, NEI Clark Chapman, has paid for him to attend WeightWatchers' classes.

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Grandmother of Laura Davies tells of child's wish to be an angel in the Christmas play

Parents decide girl can take no more in unequal struggle

By Richard Duce

LAURA Davies yesterday lost her fight for life and "joined the angels in Heaven". Her parents Fran and Les took the agonising decision to switch off the ventilator keeping her alive at 9am British time.

They were at her bedside when doctors at Pittsburgh Children's Hospital ended the struggle for life since Laura had a multi-organ transplant.

Barbara Cooper, the child's grandmother, said: "Laura said she wanted to be an angel in the Christmas play. Well, she has got her wish; now she can be with all the other angels in Heaven."

Within the last week Mrs Davies accepted "it might come to a time when enough is enough". That time came for Mr and Mrs Davies at 7.45am. Mrs Cooper said: "Fran decided Laura was not fighting any more and asked the doctors to switch of the life-support machine."

Laura was born at St Mary's Hospital, Manchester, on April 1, 1988, with the rare bowel disorder gastroschisis, which made digestion impossible. In June 1992, she was given a new liver and bowel in a 15-hour operation funded by public donations and King Fahd of Saudi Arabia. Her parents eventually chose treatment in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, after an appeal for money, rather than at Addenbrooke's hospital in Cambridge.

There then followed further transplant surgery two months ago, when she was given a new liver, bowel, stomach, pancreas, kidneys and intestines.

Mrs Cooper said: "Right from when she was born, I felt she was just on loan to us from God and now He has taken her back. During her short life, she has brought so much happiness to so many and was so happy herself, that we were blessed to have her."

Lyn McMahon, of the Pittsburgh hospital, said: "Laura has really captured the hearts of all who have cared for her and had come to know her over the past year and a half or so. It was a very difficult decision to have to make but it was a decision made with Laura's best interests in mind."

Laura had not left intensive care at hospital after her second operation and could breathe only with the help of a ventilator.

Dr Adrian Bianchi, the surgeon who originally treated her at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, said: "Matters deteriorated over the last few days and particularly last night. It was obvious things were not going right way. I have the deepest sympathy for the parents. They did all they could. I feel very strongly that the right decisions were made for Laura in relation to her treatment.

"I feel like I have lost a child of my own. I am sad, upset, and feel strongly for the parents. They have lost a delightful, loving child."

He said that Laura's latest relapse was a consequence of the use of the drug FK506, which she needed to prevent rejection of the organs. The drug, which suppresses the body's immune system, produced symptoms similar to those of a cancerous growth.

A spokesman for the Saudi embassy in London said news of Laura's death was passed on to King Fahd and the ambassador, who was with the Prince of Wales in Saudi Arabia yesterday.

Sir Bruce Martin, chairman of the North Western Regional Health Authority, said: "New frontiers in medicine can bring sadness as well as success. Laura showed tremendous courage for one so young. My sympathies go to her parents, who demonstrated such spirit, determination and belief in their daughter."

Tom Sackville, the junior health minister, said: "I wish to express my deepest sympathy to Laura's parents and family. We all admired the tremendous courage which Laura showed."

After her first transplant, Laura recovered well and returned home for Christmas last year but her body then rejected the new organs and by summer of this year she was critically ill once more.

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The face of Laura Davies — who stirred a nation — seen in September at Pittsburgh Children's Hospital as she listened to her tape player

We acted for Laura's benefit, say surgeons



Experts are divided on the ethics of Laura's treatment, Nigel Hawkes *reports*

DOCTORS who treated Laura Davies yesterday defended the series of operations she underwent.

The surgeons at Pittsburgh who performed the transplants have always insisted that they were for Laura's benefit, not for the glory or the scientific findings. Yesterday they were backed by Sir Roy Calne, the British transplant surgeon, who had been prepared to operate on Laura at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge. He said all new medical procedures raised questions of cost and benefit.

Sixty or seventy years ago, when diabetes was fatal, attempts to treat children were frowned upon. "In my own lifetime, kidney, liver and heart transplantation have become routine procedures," Sir Roy said. "I am sure this will happen for intestinal transplants — the fact that some patients have already done very well means that this will also become routine. But it requires a great deal of work. There have to cases done first. There are risks. Laura's parents knew this."

Dr Richard Nicholson, editor of the *Bulletin on Medical Ethics*, said: "There are circumstances in which extraordinary treatments can be justified, but it is more difficult in the case of a child who has no say and who is going to be put through a great deal. Then one has to think very carefully."

He believes that the efforts made in Pittsburgh were not in Laura's best interests. What of the argument that without taking risks, no progress would ever be made? "People who use this argument don't analyse how much progress *has* been made," Dr Nicholson said. "Kidney transplants are a much better treatment than dialysis, but so much effort has been put into transplants that remarkably little work has been done on preventing kidney disease."

He said that doctors, surgeons and the media were impressed with the glamour of transplants while prevention was "frightfully mundane, but in the long term much better for society".

Dr Brenda Almond, a medical ethicist from the University of Hull, said the priority should be compassion. "Where children are concerned, one has to ask how much suffering they can be expected to undergo. But children are resilient, and when treating them, there is a lot of life to gamble for."

In Laura's case, the first transplant was relatively uncontroversial, but the second raises more difficult issues. The organs she was given could instead have been given to another child who might have stood a better chance of survival. The estimated £1 million cost of the treatment could have saved hundreds of children if invested in vaccination programmes in Africa, or tens if spent in intensive care units in the West.

Dr Stephen Miles, a physician and bioethicist at Minnesota University, questions giving a second transplant after the first had failed. "Maybe two or three children could have used those organs with a better chance of survival."



Laura's parents, Les and Fran Davies, yesterday



Roger Levitt, centre, arriving at the court with his wife, Diane, and his lawyer

British author 'duped out of £400,000' by financial adviser

By Jon Ashworth

ONE of Britain's best-known novelists was duped out of £400,000 by a financial adviser who was fighting a desperate battle to keep his company afloat, it was alleged yesterday in court.

It was claimed that Frederick Forsyth, author of *The Day of the Jackal* and *The Dogs of War*, gave the money to Roger Levitt to invest in bonds, just months before his financial services group collapsed owing £40 million.

Mr Levitt, 44, of St John's Wood, northwest London, was appearing at the Old Bailey at the start of a trial stemming from the collapse of his company in December 1990. Mr Levitt, Mark Reed, Alan McNamara and Robert Price all deny a single joint charge of fraudulent trading.

The court was told that Mr Forsyth, who lost £900,000 in the collapse, had been buying and investing bonds through the Levitt Group for a number of years. David Cocks QC, for the prosecution, said the author, like many other investors, believed Mr Levitt to be honest. Instead, the jury was told, the company was "riddled with fraud".

In May 1990, Mr Forsyth gave Mr Levitt a cheque for £400,000 to invest in bonds on his behalf. Instead, it was claimed, he used the money in trying to shore up his ailing financial empire.

It was alleged that Mr Levitt sold shares and took out loans to raise £21 million in desperately needed funds. He was said to have forged invoices and altered accounts to disguise his actions.

In the 18 months to June 1990, the Levitt Group made a loss of £13 million, but the accounts were falsified to disguise the true situation, Mr Cocks said. The company was losing as much as £1 million a month before it collapsed. It was only kept going by "fraud and dishonesty on a massive scale".

The trial continues.

Daughters win abuse damages

By Frances Gibb
Legal Correspondent

THREE sisters who were allegedly subjected to a "horrifying" catalogue of sexual abuse and beatings by their father made legal history in the High Court yesterday when the father was ordered to pay them a total of £39,699 damages.

It is the first time that people complaining of incest and sexual assault have brought a successful civil court claim for damages.

In April 1990, the father was convicted at the Old Bailey on charges of incest, buggery and indecent assault and jailed for 12 years. Two years later the conviction was quashed by the Court of Appeal, which decided that the jury had been misdirected. The man was immediately released.

The sisters, now all in their 20s and with children of their own, thought this made them out to be liars, the judge, Sir Gervase Sheldon, said yesterday. He set out in detail the acts of abuse that they allegedly suffered at the hands of their father.

The women's solicitor, Julie Reynolds, said: "These girls have all been through hell and they wanted to clear their names."

Awarding the women damages, the judge said that their father had denied all the allegations.

Accused boys 'knew right from wrong'

By Ronald Faux

TWO psychiatrists who interviewed the boys accused of murdering James Bulger told Preston Crown Court yesterday that both boys knew right from wrong.

The court heard that both boys now suffered nightmares. Boy A showed symptoms of post-traumatic stress and boy B burst into tears whenever he was questioned about the murder.

The head teacher at the school attended by both 11-year-old defendants said both boys knew the diference between right and wrong. They would have known, she said, that it was wrong to take a child from its mother and to strike a young child with a brick.

Both defendants deny abducting and murdering James and attempting to abduct another child in February. Dr Eileen Vizard said she had assessed boy A, and on the balance of probabilities the boy would have known that taking a child from its mother, causing a young child injury and leaving an injured child on a railway line were wrong.

Dr Susan Bailey had interviewed boy B. She thought that the boy could distinguish between right and wrong and knew it was wrong to take a child from its mother, injure a child and leave an injured child on a railway line. Brian Walsh QC, for boy B, asked Dr Bailey whether each time she asked the boy about James's murder and abduction, he cried inconsolably. "That is correct," she replied. Mr Walsh added: "You have considered a number of matters, including the circumstances of his condition ... Is this right: that you have come to the opinion that ... he is not able to talk about the subject of this indictment, in any useful way?" She replied: "That is correct."

A tape recording of a police interview with boy A after his arrest was played in court. When the boy was asked about James, he said: "I never took him." He later recalled seeing James with his mother as he and boy B were in the Strand Shopping Centre, Bootle.

Asked if he knew about James, boy A replied: "Yes, because I took flowers over yesterday." Asked how he recognised James, he said he had seen a picture of him in a bag of flowers and pictures on television and in the newspapers. A policeman asked the boy if he knew the difference between lies and the truth. He replied: "Yes." The trial continues.

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Flu claims more lives as expert declares epidemic

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

AS THE flu virus sweeps through Britain in what was officially described yesterday as an epidemic, experts remained baffled by the extent of the illness it is causing.

Another five deaths were reported yesterday as figures showed 178 cases of flu-like illness per 100,000 members of the population, compared with the usual average of 40-50 per 100,000. "I am willing to call it an epidemic," said Douglas Fleming, director of the Royal College of General Practitioners' flu monitoring centre in Birmingham.

The five deaths occurred among 23 elderly patients on one ward in Ladywell hospital, Salford, of whom 14 caught the virus. Deaths attributed to flu in any winter vary from 1,000 to the 25,000 estimated for the winter of the last epidemic in 1989. Nine out of ten victims are over 65.

The rate of increase in flu cases is highest in the South, where they more than doubled between October 31 and November 7, to 145 per 100,000. But the numbers falling ill are still lower than the 201 per 100,000 in the North, where the epidemic started.

"The rate of increase is not as rapid as in 1989, so I am optimistic that this will not be as bad an epidemic," Dr Fleming said. At the peak of the 1989 epidemic, 580 cases per 100,000 were being recorded and, in 1969, the figure rose to more than 1,000.

However, scientists could not explain why the virus strain causing this year's illness — Flu A Beijing — is proving so virulent. First identified in China in 1992, it arrived in Britain last March but caused few problems.

The current wave of illness began in Mississippi in the United States last August. It was first detected in the UK in October. Alan Hay, director of the Influenza Research Centre at the National Institute for Medical Research in north London, said that this year's virus strain was little different from that of previous years.

"I don't know why it is causing so much illness," he said. "It is one of the quirks of the epidemiology of infections. Why flu disappears in the spring and reappears in the autumn is not understood."

Last winter — a mild year for flu in Britain and Europe — most illness was caused by a type B virus. The Beijing type A virus arrived too late to have an impact, Dr Hay said.

John Oxford, professor of virology at the Royal London Hospital Medical College, said the reasons why some viruses proved virulent while others were harmless remained a mystery. "That is the Holy Grail of virology."

The vaccine was "spot on" this year, containing the Beijing A strain, and Professor Oxford said it would provide at least 70 per cent protection against infection. Supplies remain short in most areas, however, as manufacturers struggle to meet the demand.

Dr Fleming said that GPs expected to use up their supplies in September and October to vaccinate those at risk — the elderly and people with chronic illnesses — before the onset of winter.

"People should not expect to find vaccine available in November. Doctors will have used up their supplies. The vaccine is not there to respond to a crisis," he said.

Vaccination reduces deaths



Dr Thomas Stuttaford *on how to prevent and treat influenza*

THE influenza epidemic has reached Britain this year two months earlier than expected, so it could be more prolonged than usual.

The prominent virus is the A Beijing, a well-studied strain which is incorporated into this year's vaccination mix. Less fortunately, the virus has recently shown considerable drift, with minor changes in its make-up. This drift makes it difficult for doctors to be certain of the degree of protection that the flu injection will give, but they predict that it will be about 80 per cent. The Beijing strain is not usually a particularly virulent one.

Reports in the journal of the American Medical Association of surveys carried out by Professor David Fedson of Virginia University on two recent American flu outbreaks suggests that immunisation reduces the overall death rate by about 30 per cent.

In high-risk groups the reward was even more apparent. Vaccinating those over 65, anyone with heart or lung disease, diabetics, asthmatics and those who are immunocompromised through taking drugs such as steroids or through disease, resulted in a 30-40 per cent reduction of hospital admissions during the epidemic from flu and pneumonia, and a 54-65 per cent reduction in the death rate.

Britain has lagged behind other countries in flu prevention. This year the government's new Chief Medical Officer, Dr Kenneth Calman, tried hard to correct this, but his campaign has now been thwarted by lack of supplies.

Except in vulnerable patients, antibiotics have no place in the treatment of uncomplicated flu. The young and previously fit should take to bed and keep warm: if they develop complications more specific treatment may be needed.

MICHAEL POWELL



Paul Laidler and Mina Chakraverty of the Public Health Laboratory Service search for traces of the flu virus that is currently sweeping through Britain

Killer has secret of eternal youth

BY OUR HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE secret of the flu virus's capacity to surprise is its enthusiasm for renewing itself. It is eternally youthful, always changing before it weakens and grows old.

With only eight short gene segments, it is simpler than most viruses and can mutate more easily and more frequently. This accounts for its ability to cause epidemics year after year.

Every person who goes down with flu acquires immunity to being re-infected by that strain. Each year, however, "genetic drift" within the virus results in the emergence of a slightly different strain.

This year's flu, if you are unfortunate enough to catch it, will give you some immunity to next year's strain, but as the years pass and the drift progresses, your immunity will fall until you catch it again.

However, three times this century the virus, which has the appearance of a sea urchin, has undergone a more dramatic change in which one type of the spikes on its surface — the haemagglutinin (a protein) — have been renewed.

Changes to the haemagglutinin, which scientists believe could happen at any time, give the virus a fresh capacity to attack and reproduce itself in human cells. On each occasion — in 1918, 1957 and 1968 — the resulting epidemic went round the world and millions died.

It is 22 years since the last major change to the virus gave us Hong Kong Flu in 1968. However, in 1977 the Spanish flu, which caused the world's worst pandemic in 1918, unexpectedly re-emerged. Every epidemic since then has been a variation of one or other of these two strains.

The experience of the past two decades suggests that these strains are running out of steam. During the 1980s and 1990s Britain has been relatively free of flu compared with the epidemics of the 1970s. Even the epidemic of 1989 was, at its height, infecting only half as many people as that in 1969.

Nobody can predict when the next major chnage of the virus will occur. Only three varieties of haemagglutinin have so far turned up in human flu virus but another ten are known to exist in the viruses that infect birds, pigs and horses, all of which suffer from flu.

Occasionally the virus can be transmitted from humans to animals and vice versa and it is believed by scientists that when two strains of the virus mix in this way that a major mutation becomes possible.

Little jab gave me the big shivers

BY JANET BUSH

MY FLU jab made me sick. Not just the sore arm and flu-like symptoms for 24 hours or so which I was warned about. No, I think I have the full Beijing special.

I decided on a flu injection as a pre-emptive strike. I had already had one dose of the shivers in late October and thought a jab would protect me for the rest of the winter. I am also one of those health criminals: addicted smokers that the NHS probably won't be treating in future, so I thought I had better get in fast.

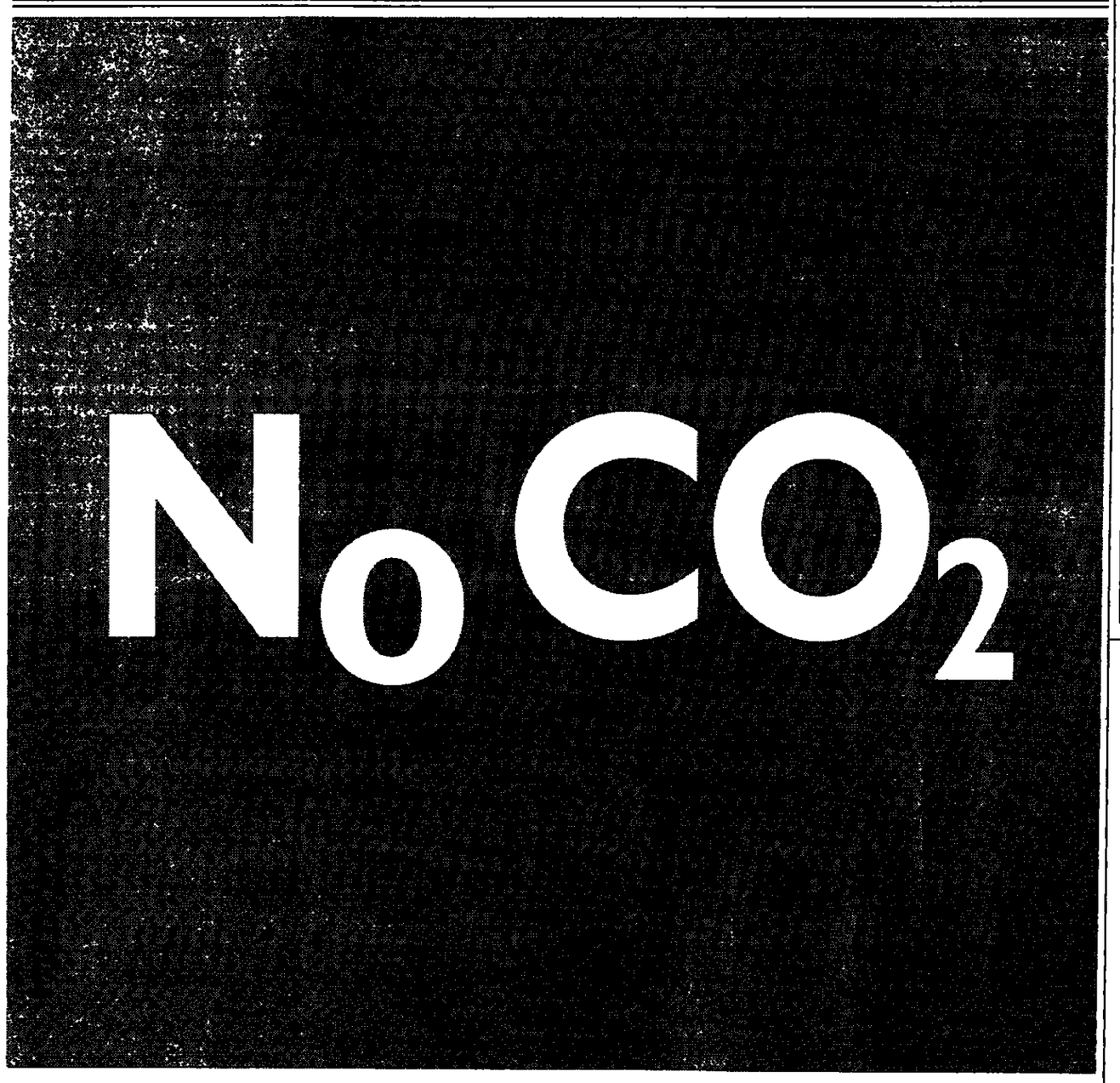
I rang my doctor and he said that normally he would only give the vaccine to pensioners but would make an exception in my case as I am asthmatic.

I have heard that there was a shortage of vaccine, but I was given an appointment the next day, on Tuesday. There were no flu-like symptoms on Wednesday and Thursday, but by Friday evening, at a fireworks party, I started feeling shaky. I took my temperature and it was 101.

Six days later, I am still watching Richard and Judy, Anne and Nick, and other delights of daytime television. I rang my doctor who concluded that I had had a bad reaction to the flu jab.

Talking to friends who had taken the same sensible step in the past, I found that all of them had refused to defend themselves against flu a second time because the exercise had made them sicker than they would have been otherwise.

I will wait to see whether I am flu free for the rest of the winter before deciding on my strategy next year. — NHS co-operation willing.



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Ministers are urged to cut coach speeds

BY TIM JONES AND EDWARD GORMAN

MINISTERS were urged yesterday to bring in immediate legislation to ban buses and coaches from the fast lanes of motorways and to speed up plans to restrict their speeds to 65mph.

The consultant treating the 36 American and Canadian survivours of the M2 coach crash in Kent on Wednesday called on the government to introduce seat belts in coaches without delay.

Dr Susan Brooks, who has been treating survivors at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital, said she had no doubt seat belts would have saved many lives and prevented injuries. "It is apparent that those who died were thrown out of the side of the coach which then landed on top of them. Had they been restrained in seat belts and kept inside the coach, there is a chance they would have survived."

In 1996, the government will implement an EC directive reducing the speed of coaches on motorways from the present 70mph limit, in spite of determined opposition from the Bus and Coach Council, to which most major operators belong.

In the new year, it is also expected to publish a white paper which will seek to ban them from using the third or fourth lanes of motorways.

James Tye, director general of the British Safety Council, yesterday condemned the delay as "ludicrous". He said: "There is no earthly reason why legislation should not be passed immediately.

"The safety implications of coaches, buses and mini buses carrying scores of passengers weaving their way in and out of motorway lanes are obvious. The government should act immediately to introduce these bans in the interests of safety."

The Royal Automobile Club said it would welcome a hasty introduction of the measures.

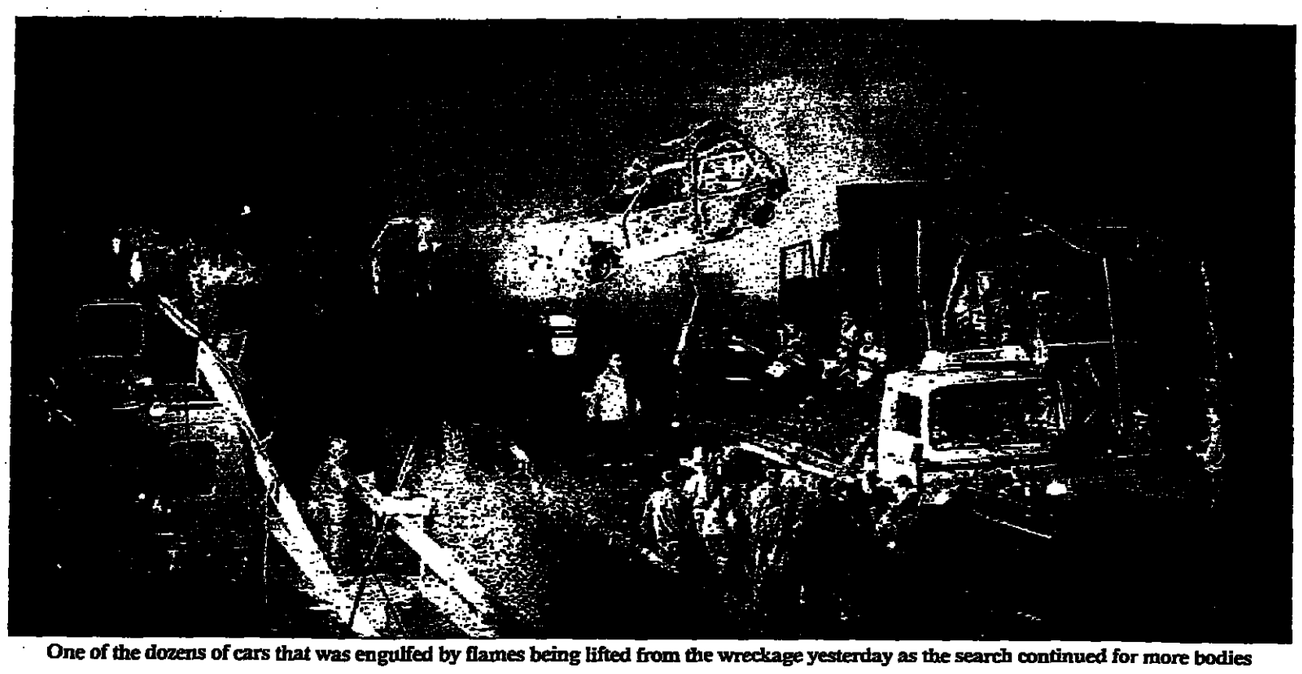
A spokesman for the Bus and Coach Council said there was no evidence to support the case. "Official statistic show that coaches have an excellent safety record and currently use the third lane without any risk to other drivers and will still be able to do so at 65mph."

He added: "It is claimed that coaches at 65mph in the third lane could cause bunching and "aggressive behaviour" by car drivers. This is no basis for penalising coaches.

"It is a charter for speeders and appears to give official sanction to law breaking. Far from improving road safety, this measure may, in fact, do the exact oppostite."

The spokesman added: "At a time when the government is at least paying lip service to public transport, the transport department seems to be determined to undermine the competitiveness of coach travel against private motoring."

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One of the dozens of cars that was engulfed by flames being lifted from the wreckage yesterday as the search continued for more bodies

EC firms could undermine seat-belt law in Britain

BY JAMES LANDALE AND MICHAEL DYNES

ROBERT Key, the roads minister, was wrong to claim that Brussels is preventing the government from introducing seat belts on coaches but right to insist that national legislation would be ineffective.

Under European Community law, Britain can pass its own legislation requiring coach operators to fit seat belts to their vehicles, regardless of the views of its EC partners.

Exemptions would have to be granted to coach manufacturers and operators from other EC countries, thereby undermining any attempt by Britain to go it alone. Under EC law, Brussels is responsible for setting safety standards which are agreed by all member states, enabling their vehicles to travel freely around the Community. Britain could require domestic coach operators to meet more stringent safety standards. But any attempt to impose those standards on other EC countries would be seen as discriminatory, rendering the government liable to legal action.

Moreover, there would be nothing to stop domestic operators from buying foreign vehicles in an effort to avoid the cost of additional safety standards — forcing police to enforce different laws for different operators.

Police hold British lorry driver after crash

BY A STAFF REPORTER

FRENCH police have taken a British lorry driver into routine custody for questioning as a witness and launched an investigation into involuntary homicide after the country's worst road accident in a decade.

At least 17 people died and 49 were injured, including three Britons, after fire engulfed dozens of vehicles involved in a pile-up on the Paris-Bordeaux motorway in southwest France. Firefighters searched for more bodies yesterday among the charred wreckage of 43 cars, two vans and six lorries.

The accident happened after the trailer of a British lorry caught fire, sending smoke across the motorway, according to the French regional authority at La Rochelle and the Foreign Office.

The driver, who has not been named, pulled over to the side of the road to extinguish the blaze, but a lorry and an empty tanker collided in the smoke and exploded, and other vehicles piled into their rear.

Sisters moved seats just before impact

BY EDWARD GORMAN



Carla Walker: account of moments before crash

FOR one family from Lafayette, Louisiana, the horror of the M2 coach crash in Kent will not easily be forgotten.

Patricia Becnel, 76, had always dreamt of accompanying her four daughters to Canterbury. It was her favourite part of England and a place she had visited with her husband on earlier trips.

This was her first holiday since his death two years ago and she and her daughters, Debbie, 35, Barbie, 40, Shani, 42, and Frankie, 52, were all aboard the coach. Debbie and Frankie were both killed in the crash and Mrs Becnel's head was badly injured.

Mrs Becnel's future daughter-in-law, Carla Walker, 32, was among the first relatives to fly in yesterday, and was able to piece together the last moments before the accident from the surviving sisters.

"Shani had just switched seats with Frankie to sit with her mother. Frankie sat next to Debbie — they were the two who were killed," Ms Walker explained. "As she was sitting down someone yelled, 'Oh my God, it's coming for the bus'. She looked up and there was a white van in front of them."

☐ Leslie Gold, 54, the coach driver, who died in the crash, had been nominated as Driver of the Year by Travellers International, his brother David said yesterday.

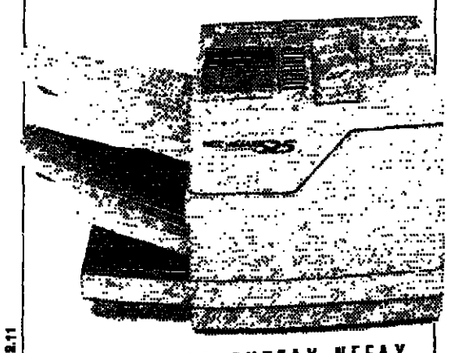
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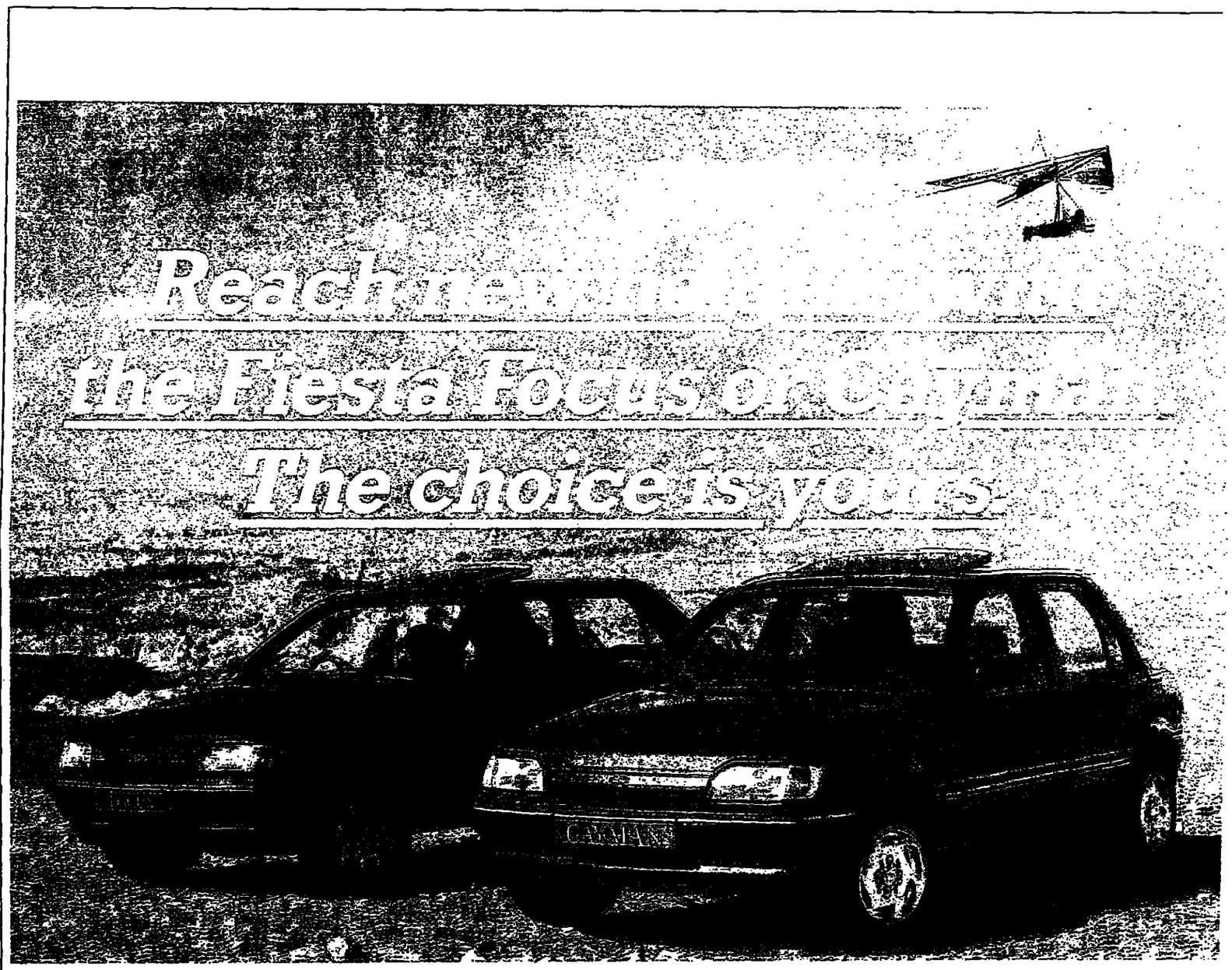
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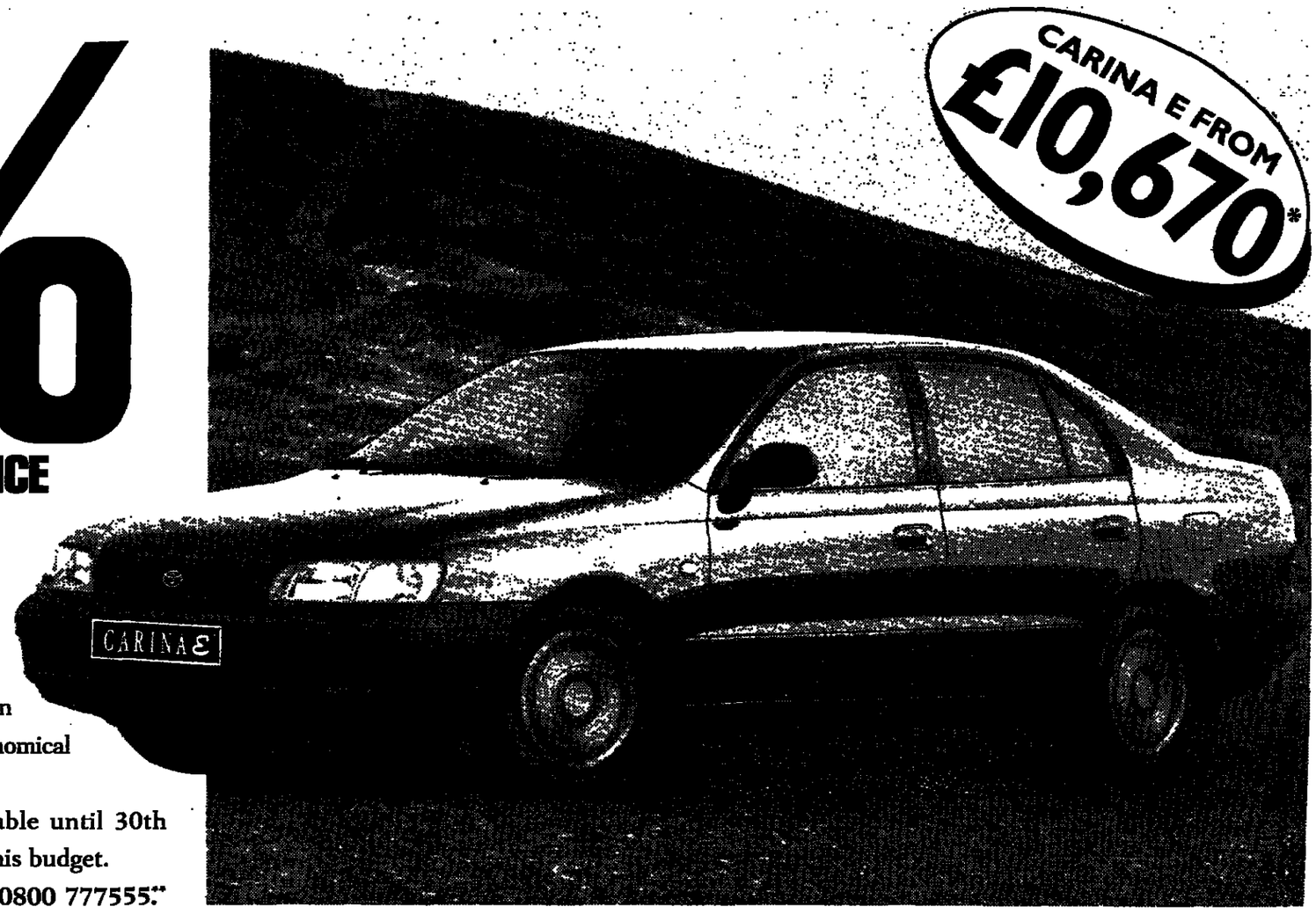
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Patten rejects calls for statutory control of activity centres

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

JOHN Patten, the education secretary, yesterday refused demands for government regulation of outdoor activity centres in responses to the Lyme Bay canoeing tragedy in which four teenagers died.

Mr Patten announced a four-point safety plan which includes a new inspection system but stops short of requiring the centres to be accredited. Ministers have decided to rely on a voluntary scheme being developed by public and private sector organisations in the field.

Four sixth-formers from Southway comprehensive school in Plymouth, staying at the St Albans Centre near Lyme Regis, died in March when their canoes became swamped.

Two senior executives with the St Albans Centre, which has now closed, have been charged with unlawful killing in connection with the incident.

The Lyme Bay disaster prompted immediate demands for tighter controls on outdoor activity centres.

The measures announced yesterday include the provision of new and detailed guidance for schools, and publication of the inspectors' reports on activity centres.

However, parents and local authority officials expressed "dismay" at the absence of regulation.

Devon County Council, which has called for a national independent register of centres, said that the measures did not go far enough.

Dr Paul Gray, Devon's deputy chief education officer, said: "Many people will rightly question how many deaths it takes for the proper regulation of these centres."

Dr Gray said that the plan placed education authorities in an "invidious and untenable position".

The onus of responsibility seemed to be falling on the local authority, school governors and teachers, Dr Gray added.

David Jamieson, the Labour MP for Plymouth Devonport, said that the government's plan was inadequate, and advised schools not to use outdoor centres.

The parents of the children involved in the canoe tragedy said that they would try to persuade Mr Patten that his plan would not allay the anxieties of other families.

"The onus for ensuring activity centres are operated safely has been thrust firmly back on schools, who are going to be told that it is very much their legal duty to satisfy themselves that centres are safe," the parents said in a statement.

A government survey of activity centres has already started. A minority of the activity centres will be inspected by the Health and Safety Executive over the next two years. Schools will also be required to emphasise their legal responsibility for health and safety in their articles of government.

Mr Patten said inspections would help to ensure centres were complying with the law. Ministers would assist and monitor the progress of voluntary accreditation.

He added: "It is vital that all concerned take every appropriate step to avoid any recurrence of the tragic events in Lyme Bay last March." The measures would both encourage the spread of good practice among providers and bring home to all consumers the need to take all possible precautions in planning outdoor activities.



Patten: relying on voluntary regulation

MARC ASPLAND



Coracle at the ready, Andrew Jones, of the North West Kent Countryside Project, prepares to place parcels of barley in the river Darent. Rotting barley produces an unidentified chemical that destroys algae

Zoo in the mire over dung heap pollution

A ZOO'S dung heap polluted water that flowed into a Hampshire boating lake.

Magistrates at Winchester were told yesterday that effluent from the heap, 15 to 20ft high, had run through a ditch to lakes at a canoeing and boating centre 300 yards away. Marwell Preservation Trust, which operates Marwell Zoological Park, was given a two-year conditional discharge and ordered to pay £660 costs after admitting the offence.

Martin Davies, for the National Rivers Authority, which brought the prosecution, said the zoo was warned on February 16 that the dung heap was a source of possible pollution.

Bob Davies, for the zoo, said remedial action to prevent the problem recurring had cost about £80,000. The offence happened on a day of extremely heavy rain. The heap had since been moved elsewhere and the zoo was installing an incinerator to deal with waste.

The chairman of the magistrates said that although the zoo was a charity, like all institutions it had an obligation to keep the law.

Balmoral threatened by lung disease gas

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

BALMORAL, the royal family's Scottish retreat, could be contaminated with high levels of a gas linked with lung disease.

The National Radiological Protection Board, which has been carrying out tests on radon levels, yesterday disclosed the results of its studies in Scotland.

It has found that the southern half of Gordon, parts of Caithness, Sutherland, and Kincardine and Deeside, where Balmoral is located, are all "radon affected" areas.

Tests carried out near Balmoral have found levels of the gas, produced by the decay of natural uranium, at 1,600 becquerels — eight times higher than the action level of 200 becquerels. The average radon level in Scotland is 16 becquerels.

Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, the Scottish Office minister, said yesterday that households in affected areas should have gas levels measured under a government-funded scheme. "The problem should not be ignored," he said.

A Buckingham Palace spokesman said that it was not possible to say if the royal home had been tested, but they would be taking government advice.

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British surgeons begin trials of American technique to treat coronary ailments

Laser gun fires new hope into heart disease patients

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

■ Doctors are making tiny holes in the heart to form new blood vessels. It could be an important advance in heart treatment

A LASER gun used to create tiny holes in the heart has begun trials in Britain as a new treatment for coronary disease. If successful, it could change the approach to the treatment of one of Britain's commonest fatal diseases.

A team from the Papworth Hospital in Cambridgeshire is using the laser to treat patients with heart disease who cannot have coronary bypass surgery. Instead of grafting new blood vessels onto the heart to replace those that have become narrowed or blocked, the laser drills tiny holes through the heart wall to form new blood vessels.

Two patients have so far undergone the procedure, which lasts about an hour. An incision is made in the side of the chest and the laser is positioned over the beating heart. It is computer controlled to fire between the patient's heartbeats when the left ventricle — the heart's main pumping chamber — is full of blood.

Each laser hole, about one millimetre in diameter — the thickness of a pencil lead — creates a channel in the heart's wall allowing oxygen-rich blood to reach the damaged heart muscle. To avoid burning a hole right through the heart, the laser is fired when the ventricle is full of blood, because a laser beam is absorbed and dispersed by liquid.

The laser, costing £700,000, has been bought by Bupa, the private health care group, but will be used to treat NHS patients in the two-year trial. The study is the first joint research venture between Bupa and the NHS. Patients are being treated at the Bupa Cambridge Lea Hospital, near Papworth.

The procedure, known as transmyocardial revascularisation, has been used to treat 70 patients in the United States but British specialists had been sceptical. "We thought it was very interesting but mad," said Professor John Wallwork, consultant cardiothoracic surgeon at Papworth and a member of the research team.

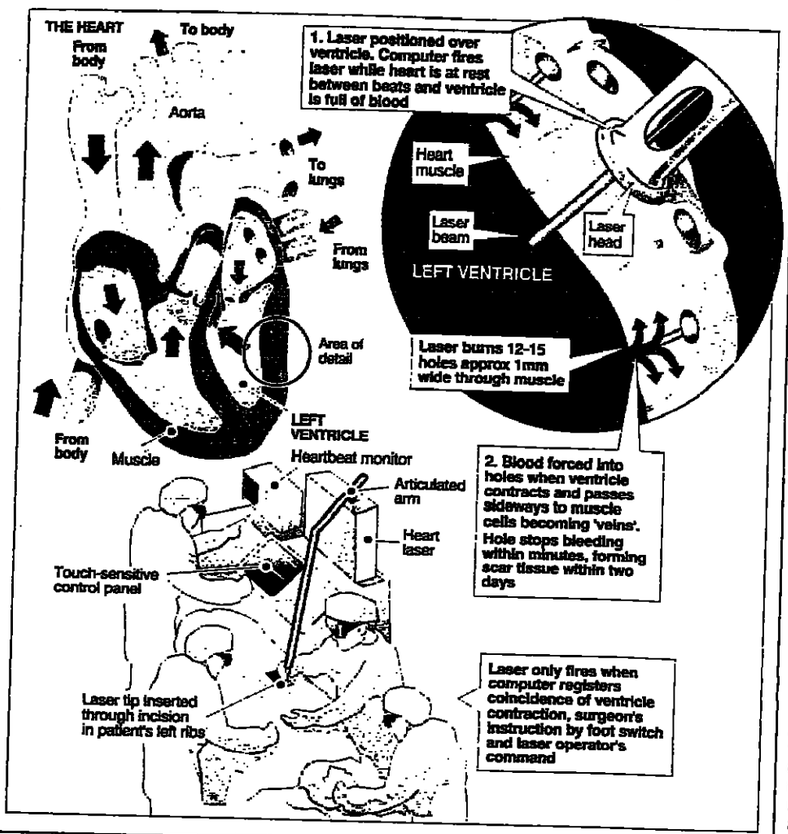
"The problem is if you make a hole with a drill it causes damage to the tissue, which triggers the clotting process blocking the hole. But the laser appears to cause so little damage, the blood doesn't clot."

During the operation, as the laser beam emerges through the surface of the heart, the blood clots on contact with the air sealing the ends of the holes so that the heart doesn't leak. Scar tissue forms within two days.

Of the 70 patients operated on in the US, four have died, two from causes unrelated to the procedure. Post-mortem results revealed that the laser channels had remained open and formed blood vessel-like walls.

The British study of 64 patients, half of whom will be given the procedure, will be the first properly controlled trial, Professor Wallwork said. The trial will be limited to patients with inoperable heart disease, most of whom will have had surgery, but could be extended to other groups if successful.

"If it works it is likely to be a very important advance in the treatment of heart disease," said Professor Wallwork. "It will give us another brand new technique for treating people with chest pain."



Alcoholics' memory loss may be reversible

MEMORY loss, a common side-effect of alcoholism, may not be irreversible, researchers reported yesterday.

It is widely assumed that most heavy drinkers lose nerve cells in their brains. However, a team of Danish scientists believes this may not necessarily be true.

Dr Grethe Badsberg Jensen and Dr Bente Pakkenberg, of the Bartholin Institute, studied the brains of 55 alcoholics. Fifty-three died from their addiction and two from other causes. They found that the long-term alcoholics had lost not brain nerve cells but the white matter, known as hippocampus, connecting them.

Compared with a group of non-drinkers, they had an 11 per cent lower volume-to-weight ratio of white matter, says a report in *The Lancet*. The alcoholics also had less white matter in the memory centre.

The researchers think that alcoholic dementia is caused not by nerve death but the destruction of the nerve connections, in which case memory might be re-established after treatment or a prolonged abstinence by heavy drinkers.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ferguson friend wins apology

A woman who claimed to have had an affair with Major Ron Ferguson, the Duchess of York's father, yesterday accepted a public apology in the High Court from the *Daily Mirror*.

Lesley Player contended that a suggestion that she had publicised messages Major Ferguson had allegedly left on her answering machine was defamatory. Her solicitor said they had been recorded by someone using a remote control to activate the machine.

The newspaper said it regretted publication, apologised to Mrs Player, 34, and agreed to pay her costs.

Son's suicide

Douglas Ellis told an inquest at Cherstey, Surrey, that his son had once told him: "I would rather be in heaven." James Ellis, 25, of Guildford, a devout churchgoer, was found hanging at Guildford Cathedral. Verdict: suicide

Third sight

Whyn Westway, 84, from Bridlington, North Humberside, blind for 30 years after two unsuccessful attempts to remove cataracts, had his sight restored when he asked doctors to try again.

Wide audience

When PC Terry Bissessar told off a motorist for stopping on the hard shoulder of the M4 to make a telephone call, he did not realise he was being heard by thousands on BBC Wiltshire Sound's radio phone-in.

Escaper caught

A 15-year-old criminal, sent to Portugal for 11 weeks at public expense, was recaptured at Telford, Shropshire, after escaping from the town's magistrates' court on Wednesday.

Stab death

Police said three people were in custody after a young man was stabbed to death in an "unprovoked attack" in Orpington, southwest London.

Spiked drinks

The Hedgehog Society is appealing to gardeners not to put out beer to kill slugs after it was found to be intoxicating hedgehogs.

Specials quit force in protest at training

BY PAUL WILKINSON

TWO special constables have resigned, saying that a lack of proper training made them a danger to themselves and the public. More officers will follow them, they believe.

Marvyn Moore, 50, a management consultant, and Roy Robinson, 49, a bus driver, have left South Yorkshire's special police force because they claim they were sent out to patrol the streets of Sheffield without sufficient skills or back-up for the job. The two said they are "disillusioned and disgusted" by a parsimonious attitude towards providing adequate facilities for the part-time, unpaid volunteers.

Mr Moore, a former Tory city councillor, said training was restricted to two hours a fortnight and concentrated on theory, not practice. He said he had never been offered lessons in self-defence, use of a truncheon or first aid.

While regular officers are all issued with personal radios, the specials had to share one between two. At the police station where he worked for up to 10 hours each week, there were just three sets of handcuffs for the 46 specials based there. Mr Moore was encouraged to buy his own, at £20 a pair.

After arresting a shoplifter, he used his own car to take her to the police station because no transport was available. He was subsequently disciplined because, had there been an accident, the woman could have sued the force.

For all that, Mr Moore was given a £15-a-year boot allowance and his bus fare to work.

He said: "In my opinion, the specials, though working for the best of motives, are a danger to themselves and the public once they are let loose on the streets. The training is poor and the attitude of the force towards specials is niggardly and penny-pinching."

Mr Robinson said: "I joined to back up the police and do my bit for society. But if we ran into bother on the streets we did not have the experience or training to handle it."

A spokesman for South Yorkshire police, which has 350 specials, accepted that there had been "shortfalls" in training, but said steps had been taken to improve it.

Charity cards profit 'goes to middlemen'

BY LOUISE HIDALGO

AS LITTLE as 3p in every pound spent on charity Christmas cards goes to charities. Millions of pounds go instead to retailers, card manufacturers and middlemen, the Charity Christmas Card Council said yesterday.

Neville Bass, chief executive of the council, which represents 100 charities, said the public was becoming more aware of the swindles carried out in the name of charities. "Fifteen per cent is acceptable — just. Three per cent is certainly not," he said after the council's annual meeting yesterday.

"To use a reputable charity's name is a very powerful marketing tool. There must not be a crisis of belief in the validity of charity fund-raising methods. Integrity must be maintained."

About £300 million is spent on charity Christmas cards each year, of which £42 million is spent on cards sold direct by charities.

The council also urged the government to speed up implementing a change in the law to make retailers declare on the packet how much goes to each charity, although many chain-stores already do so.

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Ministers and the mandarins

Howard insists on right to reject advice

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Howard yesterday insisted on the right of ministers to reject advice from civil servants amid signs of growing strain in Whitehall over John Major's "back to basics" social policy.

The home secretary asserted the primacy of elected politicians over their officials after fierce public criticism of his tough approach to law and order by a former senior Home Office civil servant.

David Faulkner, who headed the department's criminal justice department, yesterday followed up a newspaper article attacking government policy by claiming in a BBC radio interview that changes were being rushed through.

The strains on the courts, the police and prisons were likely to get worse, he said. "It is a very precarious situation. Changes should be thought through and not put into effect in a thoughtless way."

Mr Howard said the job of civil servants was to give advice to the best of their ability. "I am very careful to discuss their advice with them. I may not always agree with that advice."

He said that Mr Faulkner believed that it was wrong for the police to make the detection of crime their main task. "I disagree with that. If he were still an official at the Home Office and gave me that advice, I would have rejected it."

Although Mr Howard denied a report that senior Home Office civil servants had protested formally about their advice being ignored, there are widespread anxieties within the department over the sudden abandonment of the liberal penal orthodoxy of the last 30 years.

In another sign that the back to basics move is running into civil service resistance, a recent Cabinet Office paper on lone parents rejected much ministerial thinking.

Despite the tensions in Whitehall, a cabinet offensive designed to flesh out Mr Major's back to basics theme is to be mounted over the next few days. About a third of the cabinet, including the prime minister, will spell out the the new approach in interviews and speeches over the weekend and early next week.

The blitz follows a meeting earlier this week in Downing Street attended by the prime minister, Douglas Hurd, Kenneth Clarke, Michael Howard and Michael Heseltine.

Ministers are anxious to dispel the impression that the back to basics idea means little more than a crackdown on welfare payments to single mothers. They are saying that its remit runs far wider and includes economic principles such as sound money, free trade and free markets, tight control of public spending and cutting budget deficits.

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Lib Dem leaflet angers residents

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, POLITICAL REPORTER

PEOPLE on an east London estate described in a controversial Liberal Democrat leaflet as the "most dangerous" in Wapping yesterday united in appealing to the party to leave race out of local politics.

The leaflet, condemned as "filthy and outrageous" by Jack Straw, the Labour environment spokesman, features a crude, computer generated image of a black man in an aggressive pose. It focused on the plight of Mrs X, a 74-year-old disabled woman, who lives on the estate.

Tom Winnifrith, one of the authors of the leaflet, yesterday resigned as joint shop steward of the *Financial Times*'s magazine branch of the National Union of Journalists, after "expressions of concern" at his involvement in its production. Mr Winnifrith claimed that the figure on the leaflet was a boxer who represented the battling spirit of the party in this depressed corner of east London.

However, the dispute over this latest leaflet has once again opened wounds that have festered since the election of Derek Beackon, of the far-right British National Party, to Tower Hamlets council last September. It has also brought further embarrassment to Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, who had ordered an internal enquiry into leaflets distributed by the party's Tower Hamlets branch earlier this year.

Ali Shieh, a local resident for 40 years, also blamed the Liberal Democrats for rising racial tension in Wapping. "The Liberal Democrats in the area are only doing the work of the Tories. They are using racism and I deplore that. They cause more racism than the National Front."

A young black woman, who did not want to be named, said it was offensive to link descriptions of poor living conditions with the image of a black man. "If you ever see a picture of anything good, it's always a white person," she said.

However, a young white woman who also did not want to be identified said that if the leaflet had used the image of a white man "then all the white people would have kicked up a fuss."

She added: "They shouldn't have used a picture, then nobody would get upset."

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Back to basics but forward to what?

The government has started to sound interesting again. The stir over John Major's "back to basics" initiative has achieved at least one of its aims, to show that he is thinking about policy. The headlines are, for once, not about Tory splits or climbdowns but about new measures in politically sensitive areas such as education, law and order and the family.

John Patten and Michael Howard have already offered their view. Further speeches are due from Douglas Hurd, Kenneth Clarke and Mr Major himself on Monday when he addresses the Lord Mayor's banquet. The government is setting the agenda and stirring a debate.

MIDDLE ON POLITICS

There are advantages in such an all-embracing idea. It enables Tories of all shades of opinion to unite after past divisions on Europe.

"Back to basics" has come to be interpreted as covering almost everything, from a moral crusade, via an experiment in social engineering (resurrecting the two-adult family) and a challenge to trendy liberalism (however defined), to an exercise in nostalgia. It is linked with arguments about single mothers and the future of the family.

Mr Major himself is instinctively wary of some of the fancier ideological speculation of the past few days. He prefers a more practical commonsense approach. For the prime minister, "back to basics" is, as Mr Howard explained on Wednesday, a reassertion of "the traditional, core values of Conservatism. The primacy of the nation state. The importance of sound money. Respect for tradition and authority. Individual responsibility. Making sure the government and public services work for the people, and not the other way around." It also means getting the fundamentals right in each area of policy, a rigorous ordering of priorities.

Whisper it not too loudly in Downing Street, but that sounds like "motherhood and apple pie" or Baroness Thatcher in her daughter of Grantham mood. The need for a "back to basics" approach after more than 14½ years in office suggests that something has gone wrong, that the government has slipped away from the true path.

Mr Major is right to refocus his party and the nation. But he and other ministers need to fill out the slogans. Does sound money mean a further squeeze on public spending? How is the nation state to co-exist with a European Union? How far will the welfare state be changed? It is not enough just to assert generally acceptable values.

PETER RIDDELL

Decision day for Tory MP

BY ALICE THOMSON
POLITICAL REPORTER

THE prime minister will know today if he faces a by-election in the new year which could reduce the government's Commons majority from 17 to 15.

Sir Richard Body, a leading Euro-sceptic, is deciding this afternoon whether to resign his seat. He is meeting constituency officials and tonight will announce if he will continue as MP for Holland with Boston or take up a lucrative publishing deal specialising in books on Europe. He is also considering standing as an independent against any official Tory candidate.

Sir Richard was furious when Mr Major was alleged to have commented in Japan: "When I hear the name of Richard Body, I hear the sound of white coats flapping." The prime minister was speaking after Sir Richard said that he should resign.

Sir Norman Fowler, the Tory party chairman, met Sir Richard two weeks ago to reassure him that he remains a valued member of the party. Last week, Sir Norman also tried to placate his constituency association. Conservative Central Office said: "We have done what we can. In the end, it is a matter between him and his constituency."

Conservative officials were clearly hoping that Sir Richard was just trying to make the party hierarchy sweat.

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Perfume monopoly 'is not against the public interest'

BY ROBIN YOUNG

■ A British retailer determined to cut the price of perfume is considering appealing to a European Community directorate

HIGH prices charged for perfumes are not against the public interest, the Monopolies and Mergers Commission ruled yesterday, exonerating fragrance houses of unfairly refusing supplies to outlets that discounted their products.

The Consumers' Association said the ruling beggared belief and would mean customers must continue to pay excessive prices.

Nigel Whittaker, of the Kingfisher group, whose Superdrug subsidiary initiated the investigation, said the outcome was a real kick in the teeth for consumers.

Nigel Griffiths, Labour's consumer affairs minister, said the decision was disgraceful and that he would be demanding that Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, should overrule the commission.

Mr Griffiths said: "The commission has bent over backwards to support the French perfume industry when British retailers want to knock pounds off the prices for the British public."

The commission, which had been investigating the perfume industry for nine months, rejected complaints from Superdrug, Asda and Littlewoods that perfume manufacturers had unfairly refused them supplies. The three had submitted a 200-page dossier of complaints alleging that perfume houses were operating a cartel to keep prices artificially high. The commission, in its report released by the Department of Trade and Industry yesterday, concluded that while there was a complex monopoly among suppliers of fine fragrances, it did not operate against the public interest.

Mr Whittaker said Superdrug would now consider renewing its complaint to the competition directorate of the European Community.

The report said: "Fine fragrances are marketed as luxury products and the MMC accept that the suppliers need to be able to control their distribution in order to protect their brand images which customers evidently value. There is no shortage of other fragrances at much lower prices ..."

The commission also investigated how the perfume houses selected the retailers they would allow to sell their scents, and says it could not accept that the refusal to supply discount outlets was a roundabout way of perpetuating retail price maintenance.

The report says: "The MMC finds no clear evidence that suppliers were using their selective distribution systems as an indirect means of seeking to maintain resale prices."

The average retail profit on a bottle of perfume is between two and three-fifths of the total price. In spite of the carefully maintained costly image, the raw ingredients of even the finest fragrances may be as little as 5 per cent of the recommended selling price.

Superdrug tried last year to sell perfumes at discount prices by cutting its profit margins but was refused supplies by all the big manufacturers who said Superdrug stores were not of the right quality to sell their products and its staff were not trained to the standards they required.

The only comfort for the discounters in the report was note taken of "a number of anomalies" in the fragrance houses' distribution arrangements. The commission suggested that an arbitration scheme might be introduced to resolve disputes between retailers and manufacturers.



The scene outside Leeds station after the crash between the passenger train and the parcels service

Train crash at junction holds up thousands

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A MINOR train crash caused widespread disruption for thousands of passengers across northern England yesterday. Five people were slightly injured in the collision outside Leeds station and the accident also blocked a vital junction.

InterCity travellers for London were rerouted through York 20 miles away but faced delays of up to three hours as trains from the south halted 30 miles short at Doncaster.

Leeds is one of Britain's busiest stations with 829 arrivals and departures each day. Every train passes the West End junction, where just two tracks operate in each direction. All four were blocked by yesterday's crash when a Blackpool-bound passenger service collided with a parcel train from Penzance.

☐ A 29-year-old motorist from Immingham, Humberside, died yesterday after his car was hit by a passenger train on a level crossing at Little London near Grimsby.

WEEKEND SHOPPING

Green bargains fit healthy-eating bill

BY KIMBERLEY PLEDGER

THE bargains of the week are to be found on the green vegetable counter, with English and Dutch cauliflowers at 30p to 60p each.

Other good buys include Brussels sprouts at 20-40p a lb, English spring greens at 14-30p a lb and white cabbage at 15-25p a lb. English watercress is 35-45p a bunch and celery 30-45p a head.

The best fruit bargain is New Zealand kiwifruit at 10-25p each. Satsumas from Spain are 4-18p each, English spartan apples are 30-55p a lb and conference pears are 25-50p a lb.

All the oil-rich fish are in fine condition and well priced this week, particularly sprats which are now available at around 65p a lb. Weekend treats should be easy to find: Cornish red mullet is about £4.20 a lb and monkfish tails £4.00 a lb.

Advertised best buys:

Co-op: pork chops, £1.54 a lb; oranges, 16p each; British porterhouse steak, £3.98 a lb.

Gateway: comice pears, 34p a lb; onions, 15p a lb; pork loin chops, £1.29 a lb; fresh Scottish salmon, £2.59 a lb.

Harrods: Tunisian sweet dates, £4.50 for 500g bag; dry duck salami, £3.50 for 4oz; turkey salami Teujonia, £2.15 for 4oz.

Iceland: John West red salmon, £1.99 for 418g; smoked haddock fillets, £2.99 for 680g; 5lb chicken quarters, £3.49; two bacon steaks, 99p.

Marks & Spencer: poussin, 99p; four whole plaice, £1.99; ten chicken breast fillets, £7.99; four russet apples, 99p.

Safeway: kiwifruit, 11p each; empire apples, 39p a lb; swede, 15p a lb.

Sainsbury: unsmoked back bacon, £1.45 a lb; sirloin steak, £4.28 a lb; 7lb Grampian frozen chicken, £4.49; aubergines 79p a lb.

Tesco: beef mince, £1.08 a lb; Lincolnshire sausages, 99p a lb; lamb shoulder, £1.09 a lb;

Waitrose: 6lb fresh chicken, £5.99; British lamb chops, £2.99p a lb; English boneless pork shoulder, £1.29 a lb; whole salmon £2.99 a lb.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

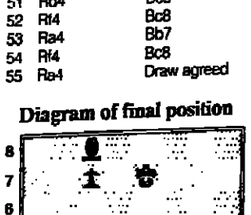
TODAY I continue with a selection of games from the Fide Championship in Holland between the Dutch grandmaster Jan Timman and the Russian Anatoly Karpov. Game five of the match was a hard-fought draw with both sides having chances to score the full point. This was a game of fluctuating fortunes. On move 32, Timman could have won with 32 Nd4 c5 33 Nxb5 axb5 34 h4 while Karpov could have decided matters in his favour with 38 ... h5 while again on move 48 ... Kf6 is much stronger than the move chosen.

White: Jan Timman
Black: Anatoly Karpov
Fide World Championship, game 5, Holland

English Opening

1	c4	e5
2	Nc3	Nf6
3	Nf3	Nc6
4	g3	Bc5
5	Bg2	0-0
6	0-0	d6
7	d2	h6
8	a3	a6
9	b4	Ba7
10	Bb2	Bg4
11	h3	Be6
12	Kh2	Rb8
13	Nd2	Qd7
14	Nd5	Ne8
15	Qa4	Nd4
16	Qxd7	Bxd7
17	e3	Ne6
18	Ne7+	Kh7
19	c5	dxc5
20	Nc4	Ba4
21	Be4+	Kh8
22	Bxc5	Nf6
23	Bf5	Rfe8
24	Bxf6	gxf6
25	Nd5	Kg7
26	bxc5	Bxc5
27	Rfc1	Bf8
28	Na5	b6
29	Nc6	Rb7
30	Rc4	Bb5
31	Rg4+	Ng5
32	Bd7	Re6
33	Bxe6	Bxc6
34	Nf4	fxe6
35	Nxe6+	Kg8
36	Nd8	Bf3
37	Nxb7	Bxb7
38	h4	f5
39	Rf4	Nf3+
40	Kh3	Ne5
41	d4	Nc4
42	a4	Bc8
43	Rc1	b5
44	axb5	axb5
45	d5	Bd6
46	Rfxc4	bxc4
47	Rxc4	Kf7
48	Kg2	Ke7
49	f3	h5
50	Kf2	Bb7
51	Rd4	Bc5
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53	Ra4	Bb7
54	Rf4	Bc8
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Diagram of final position



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Toughest challenge is cash not women, Carey tells synod

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

■ Angry clergy and laymen at the General Synod claimed that parishes would pay the price for mismanagement at the top

THE Church of England has been living beyond its means for many years, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, said yesterday.

Dr Carey said that though he had thought the ordination of women priests would be the most important issue of his archepiscopacy, he now felt the church's financial problems would be "our most daunting and exciting challenge".

In a General Synod debate on the church's £800 million losses over the four years to 1992, mainly through bad management, Dr Carey said that £20 million had to be cut from spending on clergy stipends over the next three years.

This meant that parishioners would have to increase giving by 15 per cent, Dr Carey said.

At present, the commissioners pay £161 million towards the £600 million total ministry bill, with the remainder coming from the dioceses and parishes.

The church is to review the deployment of its 12,000 clergy in 43 dioceses and its organisational structure, the synod was told.

The Lambeth Group enquiry into the management of the church's £2.2 billion assets had been commissioned by Dr Carey after the losses were disclosed. Angry laymen and clergy took the commissioners to task for the mismanagement, protesting that the price would ultimately be paid by the parishes.

James Humphrey, of Salisbury, said ordinary churchgoers had reacted thus: "I'll support my parish but I'll be damned before I pay out to the commissioners. It is the commissioners who got us into the mess, let them get us out.

"Why have we not read of mass resignations from the board of the commissioners? They spent tomorrow's capital as today's income. Any professional trustee, following such a policy, would find himself in very hot water very quickly," Mr Humphrey said.

In the Lambeth review, and a simultaneous Coopers & Lybrand report into the asset losses, special criticism was reserved for the management of property investments but no individual was blamed directly. One individual was "invited to leave" the staff in 1991, it emerged later.

Sir Douglas Lovelock, former first church estates commissioner, has retired and been succeeded by Sir Michael Colman, chairman of the mustard group, Reckitt & Colman. Two other members of the assets committee have also been replaced and a new financial secretary has been appointed, the synod was told.

Sir Michael, ex-officio member of the synod, questioned whether the commissioners could ever be believed again. Sir Michael said: "The staff are aware that, in company with the first church estates commissioner and the secretary Patrick Locke, they don't enjoy the full confidence of the governing body [made up of some of the 94 church commissioners]".

Sir Michael promised that there would be an overhaul of communications between staff and commissioners.

The Bishop of Chelmsford, the Right Rev John Waine, said that the commissioners had accepted all the criticisms of the Lambeth review, which he chaired.

Canon John Stanley, of Liverpool, said that the church had been waiting for an apology for the management errors. In all his ministry, he had never known a time of greater stress and uncertainty for the clergy. "Many feel undervalued and for some it has brought a crisis of faith."

Canon Stanley called for checks and balances to be put in place, and "clear accountability" to the church. He said: "Never again must we find ourselves in this situation. I still find it difficult to believe that £380 million could be borrowed without reference to the board of governors."

PETER TRIEVNOR



The Rev Graham Hallam, of Stockport, who is resigning from the General Synod, talks to journalism students at yesterday's debate on church finance

Wildlife advisers press for bigger cut in emissions

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

HUNDREDS of important wildlife sites could be saved from damage by acid rain if targets for curbing power station emissions were made more exacting, say government advisers.

Researchers at the Joint Nature Conservation Committee say that a small number of sites of special scientific interest (SSSIs) covering a limited area would be saved from the damaging effects of acid rain if 1980 emission levels were cut by 70 per cent. The government's target is 60 per cent.

"But an extra 10 per cent reduction will protect . . . nearly three times the area," concludes the report by Dr Andrew Farmer, atmospheric pollution specialist at English Nature, and Simon Bareham, pollution officer at the Coutryside Council for Wales.

The report precedes a meeting in December of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe to agree on new sulphur emission targets.

Britain has indicated that it will stick to its 60 per cent target while other nations are calling for bigger cuts. The findings will increase pressure on officials at the trade and industry and environment departments to back a more ambitious target.

While the report shows this makes sound environmental sense, it could further damage the prospects for coal-fired power stations, the main source of sulphur pollution.

If Britain sticks to its 60 per cent reduction target, 321,420 hectares of SSSIs will remain vunerable to acid rain. A 70 per cent reduction would leave 274,171 hectares at risk: sites including heathlands and grasslands in Devon, Humberside, the West Midlands and parts of Dyfed and Powys would be protected.

An 80 per cent cut would reduce the area at risk to 172,933 hectares and would protect sensitive sites across southern and middle England, including nationally important heathland in Surrey, Berkshire and Hampshire, and large areas of Wales.

The number of sites saved also rises as emissions are cut. A 60 per cent reduction leaves 818 SSSIs in England and Wales vulnerable to acid rain, which can damage roots and foliage. A 70 per cent cut would leave 606 vunerable, but protect such sites as Stiperstones, a heathland in Shropshire.

A cut of 80 per cent would leave 336 at risk. Dr Farmer said: "It is a massive leap. All 60 sites in Dorset for example, including Hartland Moor, are protected."

If the government curbed emissions by 90 per cent, as some continental countries want, all of remaining lowland England and parts of upland England including sensitive areas in the Pennines would be saved.

☐ *The Environmental Implications of UK Sulphur Emission Policy Options for England and Wales*, by Andrew Farmer and Simon Bareham (The Publications Branch, JNCC, Peterborough; free)

Villagers rally to protect poet's inspiration

BY HENRY STANHOPE

FORTY years after the death of Dylan Thomas, the Welsh seaside village from which he drew inspiration is ready to go it alone in its battle with property developers.

People in Oystermouth, just outside the poet's home city of Swansea, have been fighting a £5 million scheme for the past six years. They claim it would ruin their seafront.

Swansea City Council planning officers have joined West Glamorgan County Council planning committee in dropping their objections to the scheme after amendments by the developers. But the residents are complaining that the proposals have hardly changed.

They say the scheme to build luxury flats, shops, a disco, pub, banqueting suite and gymnasium along the foreshore would not only blot out Dylan Thomas's "fishing boat bobbing sea," from the mainland but would be out of keeping with the area. The opposition is being led by Mumbles Community Castle (MCC), whose alternative plan to lay out the site as public gardens has widespread local support.

MCC leaders have been lobbying city councillors in advance of today's emergency planning meeting. "We're not giving up hope even if we have to fight on alone," said Maurice Edwards, who is coordinating the campaign.

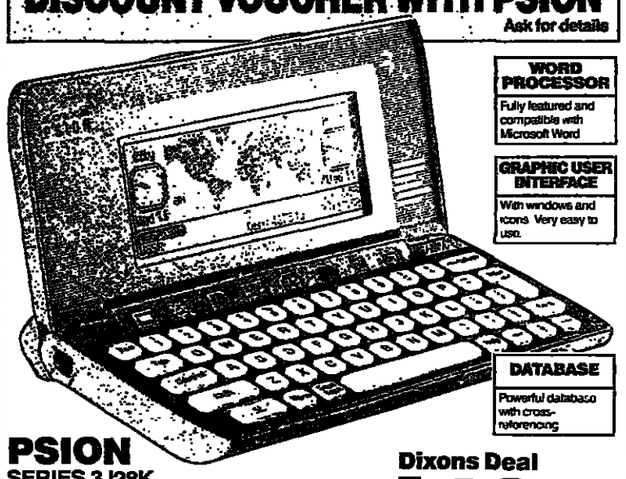


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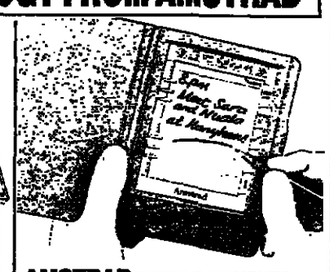
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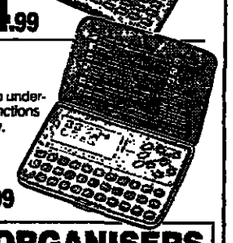


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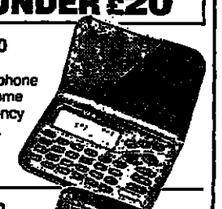


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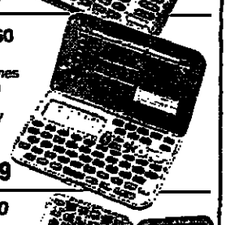


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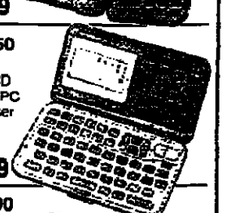
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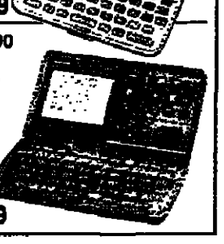
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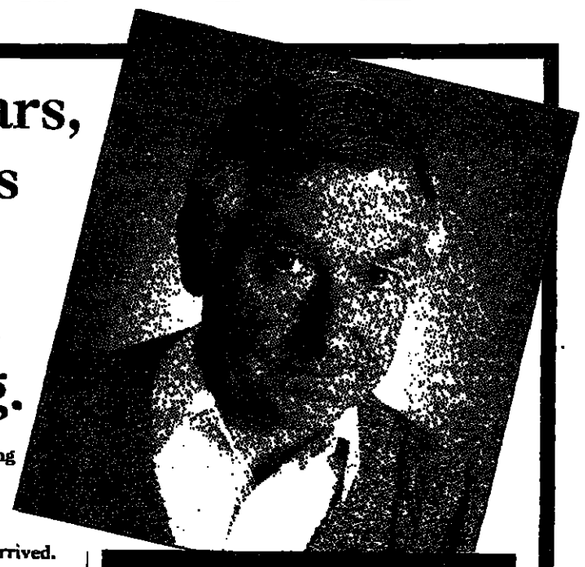
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Doomsday cult leaders arrested in cathedral cupboard siege

Denim-clad 'Messiah' calls off Kiev judgment day

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN KIEV

LEADERS of the Slav doomsday cult whose followers ran amok in St Sofia's cathedral, Kiev, on Wednesday were arrested early yesterday, hours before Marina Tsvygun, the self-styled "incarnation of Christ and the Virgin Mary", had promised to commit suicide outside the church to herald the end of the world and the "mass resurrection" prophesied for Sunday.

Miss Tsvygun and Yuri Krivonogov, her second husband, head the Great White Brotherhood, a sect that has attracted thousands of followers. Their increasing hysteria had raised fears of a repeat of the violent end to the cult siege in Waco, Texas, earlier this year. The sect is a mix of Slavonic occult traditions, twisted biblical prophecies and political and social criticisms of the former Soviet states. The couple who lead it were arrested in their hiding place in the cathedral museum with 60 devotees in attendance. They fought with police, hurling empty tear-gas canisters, and barricaded themselves inside cupboards before being overcome.

Fifty of the sect's members on Wednesday turned fire extinguishers on the security forces who tried to evict them from the main part of the cathedral. Several 18th-century icons were damaged.

The city of Kiev is still struggling to comprehend the drama being played out around the scenic cathedral square. Investigators are undecided whether to consider the two leaders as insane fanatics or calculated manipulators of extortion and hypnotic techniques. There are still fears that desperate cult members, including many adolescents who have travelled from Belorussia, Russia and the rest of Ukraine to Kiev, may attempt to fulfil their suicide pact on Sunday.

Miss Tsvygun had prophesied the end of the world for November 24 but brought the date forward as pressure grew on the cult from security forces and police co-operating with their Russian colleagues and Interpol. Riot police have been stationed on the cathedral square; the church complex was padlocked to prevent a sit-in by cult followers.

Filmed by Ukrainian television soon after her arrest, Miss Tsvygun, who has led the cult for three years, was dressed not as promised by her posters in flowing white robes and a garland but a coloured woollen jumper, denim skirt and what a police spokesman emphatically described as "expensive Western boots". Her eyes darting wildly from side to side, she told, in a high childish voice that often became a gabble, of visions, prophecies and bloodshed.

She concluded that the world would not end until after her own death. In other words the day of judgment in Kiev, already having been rescheduled once, is now postponed indefinitely. A former Soviet youth leader, Miss Tsvygun became mentally unstable after an overdose of sedatives during a careless abortion.

About 150 people arrested in Wednesday's upheavals await medical assessment in three jails. Another 480 held earlier have been released into the care of their families and ordered to seek medical help.

The events of this week have a poignant edge, since Kiev is the home city of Mikhail Bulgakov, author of *The Master and Marguerita*, a story of black magic and bureaucratic confusion in the Stalin years. Yesterday, the interior ministry resembled a scene from the novel as officials rushed to claim credit for the arrests while themselves succumbing to some of the superstitions planted by the cult — one of the ministry's publications warns children not to look into the eyes of sect members for fear of being placed in a trance. Schools have altered timetables to allow children home early. A local pop music station has called on those with extra-sensory powers to use them to persuade the cultists to rejoin society.



Yuri Krivonogov, head of the Great White Brotherhood, the Slav doomsday cult, in a Kiev police station after his arrest during clashes with police yesterday

The persuaders

Women have made occasional appearances as cult leaders. Joanna Southcott, a farmer's daughter born in 1750 in Devon, is said to have converted 100,000 people to her beliefs. She claimed that voices told her the world was about to end. It is easy to draw parallels between Southcott's world and the current political and social upheavals in Ukraine.

Julia Llewellyn-Smith, page 18

Opposition accuses Yeltsin of rigging the elections

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

As President Yeltsin's squeeze tightened on opposition parties, Russian newspapers and senior politicians voiced fears that the president was using authoritarian powers to rig the planned parliamentary elections in his favour.

Sergei Baburin, a nationalist opponent of the president, described the ban on eight political parties, including his own Russian All-People's Union, as part of a campaign to cripple the opposition. He was supported by *Nezavisimaya Gazeta*, a leading liberal newspaper, which said the decree, together with the provisions in the new constitution for presidential emergency power, would make Mr Yeltsin all-powerful in Russia.

The Central Electoral Committee ruled yesterday that the eight parties could not compete in the election on December 12 because they had failed to meet registration requirements. It said they had broken the regulation that no more than 15,000 signatures could come from any single region.

Mr Yeltsin's opponents angrily accused him of banning only those parties which opposed him. Mr Baburin said the decision was part of an attempt to blacklist certain politicians who would be excluded from the ballot. He would not give further details of his allegation, however.

Nikolai Ryabov, chairman of the commission, said the union, which combines communist and nationalist forces, had initially collected more signatures than demanded by Moscow. But 22,000 of these were disallowed, and the party failed to collect the overall minimum total of 100,000.

Mr Baburin said, however, that lists of supporters' signatures went missing after a police raid. He said his telephone lines had been cut off and his party offices seized. The union accuses Mr Yeltsin of robbing Russia of its status as a great power.

The 13 parties allowed to compete in the election include ecologists, women's rights groups and collective farmers, as well as some nationalist and communist groupings. Half the 450 seats in the Duma, as the new parliament will be called, will be filled by candidates from party national lists, and the other half will be directly elected from constituencies.

The main bloc officially supporting Mr Yeltsin is the newly formed Russia's Choice, headed by Yegor Gaidar, the first deputy prime minister, which includes several close aides of the president. It supports a rapid transition to a market economy.

The opposition parties allowed to compete include the Russian Communist party and the Liberal Democratic party, headed by the nationalist extremist Vladimir Zhirinovsky.

As in the United States, any future president will be elected for a four-year period, and may not serve more than two terms. As in France, he will appoint the prime minister, with the agreement of parliament, and all government ministers.

The president can dissolve the legislature if it fails to approve one of three of his candidates for prime minister or if it passes a vote of no-confidence in the government. He can also propose candidates for the chairman of the central bank, all key judges and the prosecutor-general.

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Perot's humiliation over free trade may backfire on Clinton

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

■ The Democrats are gloating over Ross Perot's fall from grace, but it could lose them votes in the House and cost Bill Clinton the presidency in 1996

THE American media yesterday savaged Ross Perot's performance during his debate with Al Gore, the vice-president, on the North American Free Trade Agreement, and suggested that the Texas tycoon's days as a political force were over. However, that prediction, and President Clinton's forecast of victory in next Wednesday's critical Nafta vote, could prove dangerously premature.

The debate marked the first time a leading Democrat or Republican had challenged rather than appeased Mr Perot for fear of angering the 19 million who voted for him in last November's presidential election. "Whoosh Goes Perot", "Al Gore's Big Knockout" and "Gore Flattens Perot" ran yesterday's headlines after the pundits had given themselves 24 hours to reflect on Tuesday's televised debate.

Mr Perot was exposed as a "bossy old billionaire bully who blows his cool when confronted in a fair fight", wrote William Safire in *The New York Times*. Mr Gore allowed "the populist demagogue room to stab himself with the daggers of his own meanness and ego", said *USA Today*.

The Wall Street Journal believed "Ross Perot might have fallen through the ropes and out of the American political ring altogether". Anna Quindlen, of *The New York Times*, proposed amending Nafta. "We'll send Ross Perot to Mexico and in return we'll give the Mexicans anything they want as the gift of a grateful nation."

Richard Gephardt, the House Democratic leader, and others spearheading the anti-Nafta drive distanced themselves from Mr Perot. Mexicans were furious at his depiction of their country as authoritarian, destitute and corrupt. Mr Gore's success boosted the peso and the Mexican stock market, but next Wednesday's Nafta vote will still be close.

The White House must still win over 20 or more House Democrats, but just as it had begun to gain momentum congressmen yesterday returned to their districts for a four-day recess, exposing them directly to the concerted pressure of the anti-Nafta forces.

Mr Perot retains a big, fanatical following in the country at large, and his roasting by Washington's media could bolster both his "angry outsider" image and the perception that Nafta will benefit the elite but hurt ordinary Americans. His supporters will be out in force, lobbying their congressmen, but Perot supporters are only one element in the extraordinary coalition that has coalesced against Nafta.

Mr Clinton has formed an unlikely alliance with right-wing Republicans and the conservative talk show host Rush Limbaugh, but the opposition ranges from the isolationist Pat Buchanan on one extreme to the Rev Jesse Jackson on the other, with labour unions, environmentalists and half the Democratic Party leadership in the middle. The unions are also planning mass anti-Nafta rallies in the districts of wavering congressmen.

The danger in the White House strategy of making the eccentric Mr Perot the personification of the anti-Nafta movement is that the Texan will take the credit for a spectacular victory if Nafta is defeated. But Mr Clinton must weigh one other consideration. Destroying Mr Perot, who split last year's Republican vote, could also destroy the president's best chance of re-election in 1996.



James Brady, former White House press secretary, and his wife, Sarah, applauding the House's approval of the Brady bill on gun control as they watched the vote on television

US gun-control lobby claims limited victory

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

AMERICA'S growing gun-control lobby took heart yesterday from a victory for the Brady bill, but they were also given a stern reminder of the residual and unyielding power of the National Rifle Association (NRA) despite America's epidemic of violent crime.

The Brady bill, named after James Brady, the former White House press secretary who was shot and crippled in the 1981 assassination attempt on Ronald Reagan, would impose a national five-day waiting period on the purchase of hand-guns to allow for checks to be carried out to see whether the prospective purchaser had a criminal record or if there was any evidence of mental instability.

The bill passed in the House of Representatives by 49 votes after a six-year battle, only to be followed by an amendment, added at the urging of the NRA, to cancel the waiting period if a national computerised system to permit instant checks has not been perfected in five years' time.

Wayne LaPierre, head of the NRA, said the amendment, which was passed by 39 votes, was a success for gun-control opponents who regard the Brady bill as opening the way for even stricter gun rules. The bill has yet to pass in the Senate where members have so far given contradictory signals.

All Senators boast of being tough on crime and of wanting to pass a bill that calls for 100,000 more police on the streets and 27 new prisons. At the same time, senators are wary of upsetting the NRA, which does not hesitate to lavish campaign money on candidates for office who are prepared to run against and defeat gun-control incumbents.

The NRA claims to have the American constitution on its side and is forever citing the second amendment's statement about the right to keep and bear arms. However, the NRA seldom quotes the amendment in full because it introduces an element of ambiguity into the argument.

The full amendment says: "A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed." The amendment provides fodder for endless debate, from the odd placement of the commas to the implication that 200 years ago a home guard was needed, presumably in case the British army tried to retake the newly-independent colony.

Meanwhile, the state legislature in Florida voted unanimously to make it illegal for juveniles under 18 to possess firearms and to make parents responsible if their child is caught with one. The measure was introduced in reaction to violent crimes committed by youths, including the recent murders of British and other foreign tourists.

Cupid eclipsed by contract law

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE second trial involving the severing of a Virginia man's penis by his wife begins this month when Lorena Bobbitt answers charges of malicious wounding.

The acquittal of her husband, John Wayne Bobbitt, on Wednesday on charges of marital sexual assault has drawn fire from feminists, and it has also put the spotlight on the state of marriage in America.

Mr Bobbitt's lawyer made much of the contention that Mrs Bobbitt considered herself misled by her husband; she, an immigrant from Ecuador, had been promised the American Dream and Mr Bobbitt had failed to deliver.

The expectations of women and men about what marriage will bring are playing an increasing role, and these expectations are frequently being put in writing in the form of pre-nuptial agreements. The pre-nuptial contract is now an accepted feature of many American marriages, not just for the rich and much-married, but for ordinary Americans, too. The "pre-nup" is about defending interests within a marriage.

At best this means getting the satisfaction each individual feels he or she deserves; if the worst comes to the worst, it means emerging from a broken relationship with the things that matter most to you. Pre-nuptial agreements, varying in price from $500 (£338) to $75,000, usually lay down rules about who gets what: the car, the house, the inheritance, the baseball season tickets. But increasingly they reveal the expectations of individuals within marriage and perhaps increase the pressure on both parties.

In a recent case, one man insisted on a pre-nuptial agreement which stated that his wife's alimony payments would be sharply reduced if she gained more than 10 lb after her wedding day.

Pre-nups are now used to define who washes the dishes, who takes out the rubbish, who cares for the children and when, where and how sex should take place. For some they are the concrete structure that holds together a fragile marriage, a legalistic method of avoiding misunderstandings. For others, they are the seeds of destruction.

The contractual and binding nature of American marriage apparently begins not when you say "I do", but when you say "I will, eventually". On the day that Mr Bobbitt was acquitted, a Chicago jury ordered an Oregon man to pay $178,000 to his ex-fiancée for calling off their seven-week engagement. Richard Springs, a rancher, was ordered to pay Sharon Wildey (a lawyer) $60,000 for loss of earnings, $93,000 for pain and suffering and $25,000 for psychiatric counselling.

But George Washington University professor Amitai Etzioni has invented the concept of a "supervow": the contractual partners agree to do everything they can to preserve the marriage.

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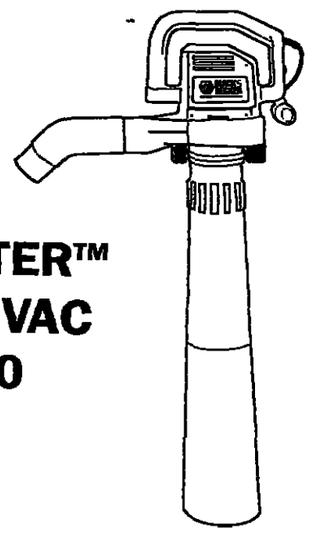
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West claims Tehran and Syria plan cruise missile

■ Military experts claim that European, American and Japanese companies are supplying Iran with components to develop high-technology weapons

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

IRAN and Syria are reported to be co-operating over the development of a cruise missile and some of the technology is coming from Europe and Japan.

The latest reports on the drive, particularly by Iran, to build a low-flying missile, capable of carrying a nuclear or chemical warhead, have emerged from an international aerospace exhibition in Dubai. Intelligence sources said that Iran's procurement agency had recently been seeking remotely piloted vehicles, or components to assemble them, possibly to adapt as cruise weapons.

Iranian agents were reported to have been trying to buy components from British suppliers, but without success. German companies, however, are said to be increasing their sales of dual-use high-technology equipment to Tehran.

Experts at the Dubai show said it would be possible to develop the guidance system of remotely piloted vehicles with satellite-linked navigation to produce a relatively accurate cruise missile. According to reports in Tehran, Iran's heavy industries ministry has earmarked more than $2 billion (£1.3 billion) to acquire sophisticated machine tools for high precision weapons manufacture.

Unlike Iran, Syria has not developed a large-scale defence manufacturing industry and is increasingly co-operating with Iran. Tehran is already building its own tactical surface-to-surface missiles and assembling Scud-C ballistic missiles supplied by North Korea. The Iranians are also funding a long-range Scud-based weapon, the Nodong 1, with North Korea in return for missile technology.

At a military exhibition in Abu Dhabi last year, Russia for the first time displayed its air-launched cruise missile, the AS15, an anti-ship version armed with a conventional warhead. It aroused great interest.

According to a recent Pentagon report on missile proliferation, low-flying cruise missiles are becoming the priority proliferation threat. The report said that Syria, Iran and China would have cruise missiles with some stealth capabilities between 2000 and 2010.

America is developing anti-ballistic missile systems against the threat posed by Third World countries acquiring ballistic missiles. There has been some criticism that not enough attention has been focused on the need to defend against cruise missiles.

Intelligence sources confirmed that Iran's procurement agency, with the blessing of President Rafsanjani, was continuing to make secret deals with a growing network of arms contacts in countries such as China, North Korea, Pakistan and Switzerland. In September the US House of Representatives' foreign affairs subcommittee on international security uncovered a network of 230 companies including firms in America, Europe and Japan, which had sold technology and equipment to Iran that could be used for the manufacture of chemical, nuclear or biological weapons.



Rafsanjani: secret deals with arms suppliers

☐ **Cairo:** More than 15,000 troops will participate in joint US-Egyptian land, sea and air exercises starting this weekend. The force will comprise 6,500 Americans and 11,000 Egyptians. *(AP)*

Car runs like a Dream on road to the sun



Honda's Dream car makes its way through traffic in Adelaide, Australia, yesterday en route to setting a world record and winning a solar car race across Australia's sun-scorched outback. Jubilant Honda officials forecast production of solar-assisted cars by 1998. The Dream completed the 1,870 mile, 52-car race from Darwin on the northern tip of Australia in 35.38 hours. The Dream, a £6.6 million, three-year project, averaged 52.5 mph. Takahiro Iwata, Honda team manager, said the technology used for Dream and the results from the race would help in the production of zero-emission cars being built to meet new strict California pollution regulations set for 1998. The cars would bear little resemblance to the Dream, and solar energy most likely would be used to assist rechargeable batteries, he said. *(Reuter)*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tamils 'killed 200 troops'

Colombo: Military sources said more than 200 army and navy personnel were feared dead after a dawn attack by guerrillas on two army bases in northern Sri Lanka yesterday (Vijitha Yapa writes). Fighting was continuing last night.

Tamil Tiger guerrillas attacked the Nagatevanturai and Pooneryn camps after crossing the Jaffna lagoon in boats. One military source said some of the rebels were dressed in army uniform and took troops by surprise.

Deadline nears

Johannesburg: As today's self-imposed deadline approached, constitutional negotiators committed South Africa to 11 official languages, including English and Afrikaans, and to abolishing detention without trial.

Flawed beauty

Beirut: Ghada Turk, the Lebanese beauty queen, may face court action after she posed for photographs alongside Miss Israel in the Miss World pageant in Johannesburg. Lebanon is still technically at war with Israel. *(AP)*

Pro-Peking newspapers welcome the tone of talks

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

THE relatively conciliatory approach of Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, and Chris Patten, governor of Hong Kong, to negotiations with China on the colony's future has been welcomed by Peking's supporters here, but it alarmed some officials who fear the Chinese may be getting a "spongy message".

One of Peking's main conduits in Hong Kong, the *Wen Wei Po* newspaper, was pleased that Wednesday's cabinet meeting no longer emphasised breaking off talks but concentrated on finding points of agreement with China. It said it was useless for Britain to play "the international card" against China, now that Peking's leaders were meeting Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, and President Clinton. It was in Britain's economic interest in Hong Kong to seek co-operation with China.

Another newspaper with pro-Peking leanings, the *Economic Daily*, tried to drive wedges between Mr Patten and the prime minister, and between Mr Hurd and other ministers, claiming that only the governor wanted to take unilateral action in Hong Kong. A more positive attitude, the newspaper said, could lead to an agreement.

More independent papers noted that, despite Mr Patten's previous contention that the 1994 and 1995 elections could not be negotiated separately, it was now being admitted in London that such a separation might be possible.

☐ **Peking:** China and Russia yesterday signed a five-year deal on defence co-operation, but the pact did not include arms sales or joint weapons production. *(AP)*

Bernard Levin, page 20

Hong Kong negotiator to lead diplomats

BY MICHAEL BINYON AND MICHAEL DYNES

JOHN Major told an international business conference that Asia would be a central focus of British foreign policy for the next generation. Britain was determined to take advantage of the predicted huge economic growth in Asia and would also have to brace itself for a test of nerves with China over Hong Kong.

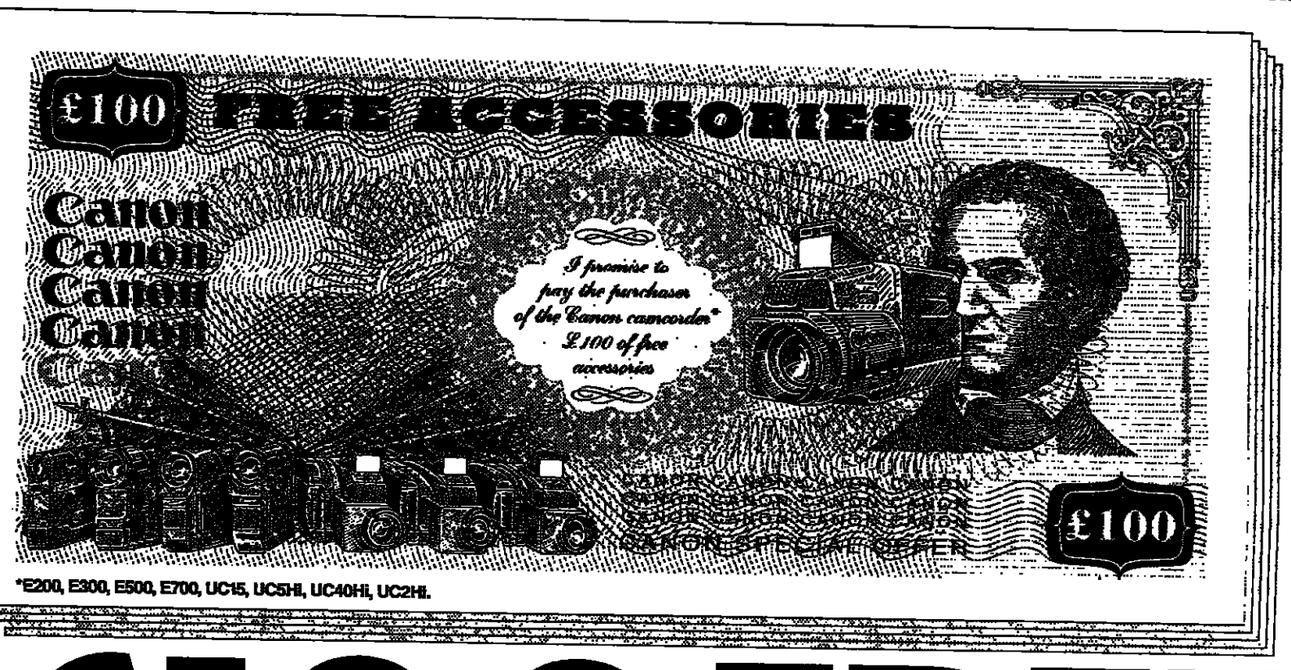
It is no coincidence therefore that Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, has chosen Sir John Coles, who is responsible for negotiations with Peking, as the new head of the Foreign Office. Sir John will take the helm at one of the most challenging periods the Foreign Office has faced with huge budget cuts that may force losses of several diplomats and the elimination of at least a dozen British embassies.

The Foreign Office has announced that Sir John, the deputy under-secretary of state for Asia and America, will take over as permanent under-secretary — the effective head of the Foreign Office —next August on the retirement of Sir David Gilmore.

Sir John, described by colleagues as a "can-do diplomat" whose main strength is in the analysis and development of policy, served as British ambassador to Jordan from 1984-8 and was high commissioner in Canberra from 1988-91.

He will have to implement lessons from the Scott enquiry into the arms to Iraq affair. Sweeping changes will have to be made in the chaotic distribution of intelligence from the security services to ministers and officials. This, coupled with pressure for open government and civil service accountability, will shake the traditional pattern of diplomacy.

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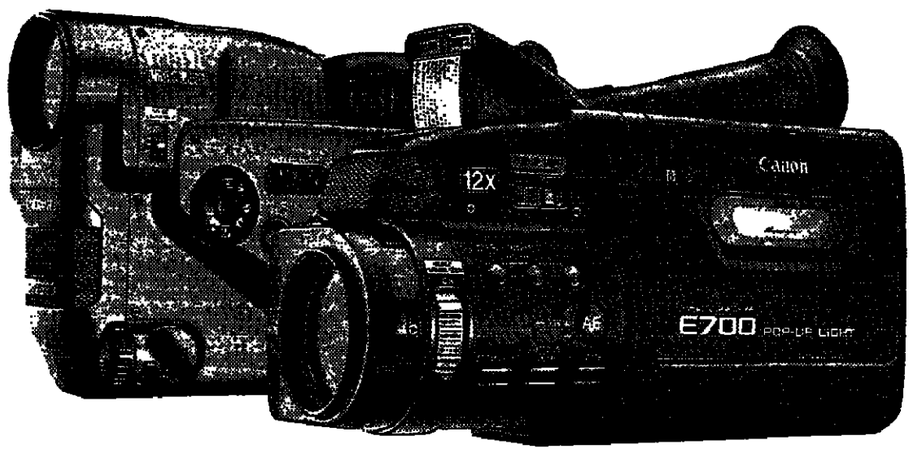
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Kohl sweeps aside critics with pledge on European unity

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

HELMUT Kohl, the German chancellor, yesterday stamped on his critics within the Bonn government's coalition and pledged Germany's support for European political union.

He made a verbal nod to each of his critics and singled out Baroness Thatcher in a keynote speech on European policy delivered to the Bundestag. The anxieties of the Eurosceptics had to be addressed, said the chancellor, but in the end Germany had no other option than to be part of a more thoroughly integrated Europe. "We know and we won't forget how much we owe to the process of European unification," said Herr Kohl.

A full-scale argument about Germany's role in Europe has recently broken out in the Bonn government, triggered by the Bavarian prime minister, Edmund Stoiber. Herr Stoiber, worried about losing votes to the resolutely anti-Maastricht, far-right parties in next year's European elections, has denounced further moves towards a European federal state. He has accused the chancellor of having an outdated view of Europe and emphasised that the pace of integration should be slower.

Herr Kohl took some of the criticisms on board, and dismissed others out of hand. The decision to site the future European Central Bank in Frankfurt showed, he said, that Germans need not be worried about the mark. "The future European currency must be as stable as the mark," said Herr Kohl.

A tighter Europe did not translate into German domination of the continent. "We should not overlook that our neighbours are worried about a powerful Germany — a too powerful Germany in Margaret Thatcher's words," said Herr Kohl. "Recent history — remembered again this week (the 55th anniversary of anti-Jewish pogroms) — showed how careful we must be." Some of the foreign criticism derived, he said, from economic envy. "That, too, is a fact of life, whether we like it or not." As Europe moved closer together, Germany would have to soothe and reassure neighbours at every stage, said the chancellor.

Europe brought concrete benefits for the Germans and as the country's mood swings against tighter integration, the Germans should not forget the fact, said Herr Kohl. The Europol organisation — co-ordinating European police activities — would help reduce crime in Germany. The Commission would help create jobs. Trade within Europe was crucial for the country's economic health. "Every third job in Germany depends on exports. One-third of our gross domestic product comes from exports — and three-quarters of these exports are bought by European partners." Above all, Community membership had reduced the risk of another continental war. His domestic critics, the chancellor said, had overlooked this dimension. After the establishment of the first unified Germany, there were 43 years of peace.

"Today we have already had 48 years of peace since the last war. We will only have absolute certainty that this will continue if we do not neglect efforts to integrate Europe."

☐ **Frankfurt:** Authorities tightened security at German prisons yesterday and put jailed Red Army Faction terrorists under special 24-hour guard to prevent them from carrying out a mass suicide pact. Justice officials in Munich in southern Germany and in Kiel in northern Germany confirmed they had evidence that hardcore members of the guerrilla group planned to kill themselves in a co-ordinated action on November 11. *(AP)*



Marcel Marceau, the French mime artist, playing his celebrated character Bip yesterday at the Espace Cardin in Paris during rehearsals for today's launch of his new company. Marceau, 70, disbanded his last company in 1964 to embark on a solo career

German leader pushes for invitation to D-Day party

BY ROGER BOYES

THE cold shoulder shown to Bonn in its attempts to get an invitation to next year's D-Day celebration has unleashed a debate about the assertive approach by Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, to repackaging German history.

Herr Kohl — and Steffen Heitmann, his favoured candidate for president — stress that it is time for Germany to be treated on an equal footing with the victors of the second world war. This is unsettling Germany's neighbours, its former victims, and its present allies. If a country at the centre of the century's two great wars starts to tinker with its history, then all the other combatant nations are affected.

The D-Day row is a case in point. This year Germany quietly sought an invitation from Paris to attend celebrations on June 6, 1994. The Socialist government in Paris tried to wriggle out of the problem by saying that the association of veterans, resistance fighters and deportees was against German participation. The change of French government in March briefly gave Germany cause for hope, but when that attempt, too, seemed to be doomed, Bonn withdrew. Britain, too, is against German participation, but word from the chancellor's office is that Herr Kohl has now made the issue a top priority. Plainly the German leader hopes to gain some political advantage. The invited leaders include the Queen, President Clinton and President Walesa, while the host is President Mitterrand — a very attractive photo opportunity at a time when the chancellor's Christian Democrats will be fighting for votes in European elections.

☐ **Bonn:** David Irving, the right-wing British historian, has been barred from Germany. Mr Irving visited Munich this week, intending to address supporters of far-right parties on the 55th anniversary of the Nazi pogroms against Jews.

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Doom casts pall over Disney's magic kingdom

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

DOOM, at least of the fictional kind, was the biggest attraction at Euro Disney outside Paris yesterday as visitors took advantage of a bank holiday and rare sunshine to taste the delights of a kingdom sorely in need of magic.

Indiana Jones et le Temple du Péril, which opened earlier this year with the obligatory Gallicised name, was the top ride for crowds whose small numbers spoke volumes for the miscalculation and plain bad luck which have pushed the European flagship of American culture deep into the red and prompted talk that it could sink forever.

There was little crowing yesterday over the park's colossal 5.34 billion francs (£613 million) losses among French commentators who have had so much fun taking the Mickey over Disney's European pretensions. There was just concern that an eventual collapse could turf 11,000 more people out of jobs.

Weeks of tense negotiation are expected between the banks, which invested 10 billion francs (£1.15 billion) and the Walt Disney parent company, to find a way to inject more funds to keep the business afloat. The experts say that Disney's management could eventually decide to cut their losses and close the park rather than throw more good money after bad.

If the enterprise can be tided over through the spring, as its executives assume, Euro Disney will live or die on its ability to adapt to the European habits and tastes that it so blithely ignored when it launched its kingdom in Marne-la-Vallée in the mid-1980s. While Philippe Bourguignon, the French boss, is blaming recession, high interest rates and the depressed property market, the experts add that the company just did not do its homework.

"The directors of Disney were sure the French and the Europeans would react just like the Americans and the Japanese. They behaved like trappers in the tundra," according to Georges Panayotis, head of the French marketing firm MKG.

The mistakes are now legend, starting with the choice of site. With glowering grey skies and rain for much of the year, it is hard to weave the magic that enchants visitors. Spain, many say, would have been a better choice. Above all, though, the obstacle has been the high charges which act as a powerful damper on pleasure. Many have calculated that they can take the family to Florida's Disney World for little more than an outing to the Paris version.



Harrison Ford: star of Indiana Jones films

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Pope suffers fracture in fall at Vatican

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE POPE suffered a fractured shoulder joint and a dislocated shoulder yesterday when he tripped and fell during a Vatican audience, the Holy See said in a statement.

The pontiff, 73, who was taken to the Gemelli hospital in Rome, was given a general anaesthetic to correct the dislocation of his shoulder. The Vatican statement said the Pope's right shoulder was put in a soft cast, which he will have to wear for about a month.

The statement said the doctors' diagnosis was "a traumatic dislocation of the front right shoulder with a coexisting fracture of the glenoid" — the socket of the shoulder joint.

The pope was to remain in hospital overnight and will return to his Vatican quarters this morning, the statement said. The pontiff tripped and fell yesterday afternoon as he descended three steps from the papal throne to greet a delegation of United Nations officials.

The pope was under general anaesthesia for 15 minutes during the treatment, but it took about four minutes to put the bones in place, said Dr Joaquin Navarro-Valls, for the Vatican. The pontiff was awake and joking with doctors by yesterday evening.

Priests and nuns gathered at the hospital and some patients left their beds to enquire about the pope's condition. "There is no reason for alarmism," said Dr Navarro-Valls. "The pope is all right."

The pontiff cancelled a meeting with American bishops that was scheduled for late yesterday, but was expected to resume his normal activities.

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UN chief in former Yugoslavia insists time is drawing near for use of force

Winter and war put 4m lives at risk, US asserts

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

IN A devastatingly bleak warning about the effects of war and the onset of winter, America said yesterday that the lives of more than four million people were at risk in the former Yugoslavia.

At the same time General Jean Cot, commander of United Nations troops in the former Yugoslavia, said peacekeepers in Bosnia were on the point of using force to defend themselves from repeated attacks by all sides. In Zagreb, the Croatian capital, he said: "I think we have reached the limit of acceptable interference from the parties.



Cot: troops are under attack from all sides

who are handicapping and hampering the movement of humanitarian convoys. There is no doubt we are approaching the point where force will have to be used."

UN troops are, however, already opening fire in defence. Major Idesbald van Biesebroeck, a UN Protection Force spokesman, said yesterday that Scandinavian troops had been forced to retreat from Ravne in Bosnia after coming under artillery attack from Serb troops.

In Sarajevo, French troops responded with 20mm cannon after coming under sniper fire. Nearby, another contingent of UN troops came under small-arms fire and responded with heavy machineguns, he said.

General Cot, discussing a more widespread use of force to get aid convoys through, said: "There is no excuse for intervening with force before we have the means to do so." He repeated calls for more troops for the UN Protection Force, which has about 25,000 soldiers in former Yugoslavia.

In Washington, the State Department said that 4.25 million lives were in danger as the usually gruelling winter set in. Of these nearly 2.8 million were in Bosnia.

Michael McCurry, the State Department spokesman, said: "The magnitude of the humanitarian crisis ... reminds us of the importance and the necessity of returning to a political dialogue that can help the three parties in conflict in Bosnia resolve their fighting."

The Clinton administration estimates that 690,000 people are at risk in Croatia, 110,000 in several UN-protected areas of the former Yugoslav federation, 565,000 affected by international sanctions on Serbia, another 82,000 in Montenegro, 27,000 in Macedonia and 45,000 in Slovenia. Officials are considering several ways of easing their suffering.

UN relief organisations are preparing for a winter of suffering in Bosnia, where fighting between Bosnian and Croat forces, previously allied, and the mainly Muslim government army bodes disaster for aid work. Virtually all convoys from the UN warehouses at Metkovic in southern Croatia have stopped as a result of the death of a UN worker outside Novi Travnik, central Bosnia, when a convoy was attacked. The warring sides are refusing passage even to basic materials essential for winter preparations, such as pipes and nails, condemning many refugees to freezing misery.

Last year it was predicted that hundreds of thousands would die from cold and hunger, but a huge humanitarian effort prevented so large a catastrophe. This winter the cold will be a bigger problem than food or medicines, Doug Houston, an Overseas Development Administration official, said. "The Bosnian Serbs and Croats are refusing to allow engineering equipment through because they think it is not humanitarian equipment. But we've got to get the spare parts through for mines and power stations or thousands will die of cold soon."

Two children wounded in a mortar attack on their school in Sarajevo on Tuesday were evacuated to Italy yesterday after the French government refused to accept them with other members of their families. A hospital in Paris had reserved two beds for the nine-year-old boy and ten-year-old girl, both in danger of losing their legs. But the French government said it was not prepared to accept the children's mothers and brothers and sisters.

The children finally left early in the afternoon for Ancona. Doctors said the boy, Adis, would probably not be affected by the delay. They were less optimistic about the girl, Sonja, whose wounds were more serious.

The two children were among some 20 wounded when a mortar shell exploded in the entrance of a makeshift school in a high-rise residential area in the west of the city. Shrapnel from the blast hit children waiting outside for the next class to begin, and tore through plywood walls, striking those inside.

As Adis and Sonja left Sarajevo with their families, a bus convoy of more than 100 Serbs also left. They had been denied permission to leave for Croatia until rebel Serbs outside Sarajevo released two Bosnian policemen taken from a religious delegation travelling in UN armoured vehicles on Monday.

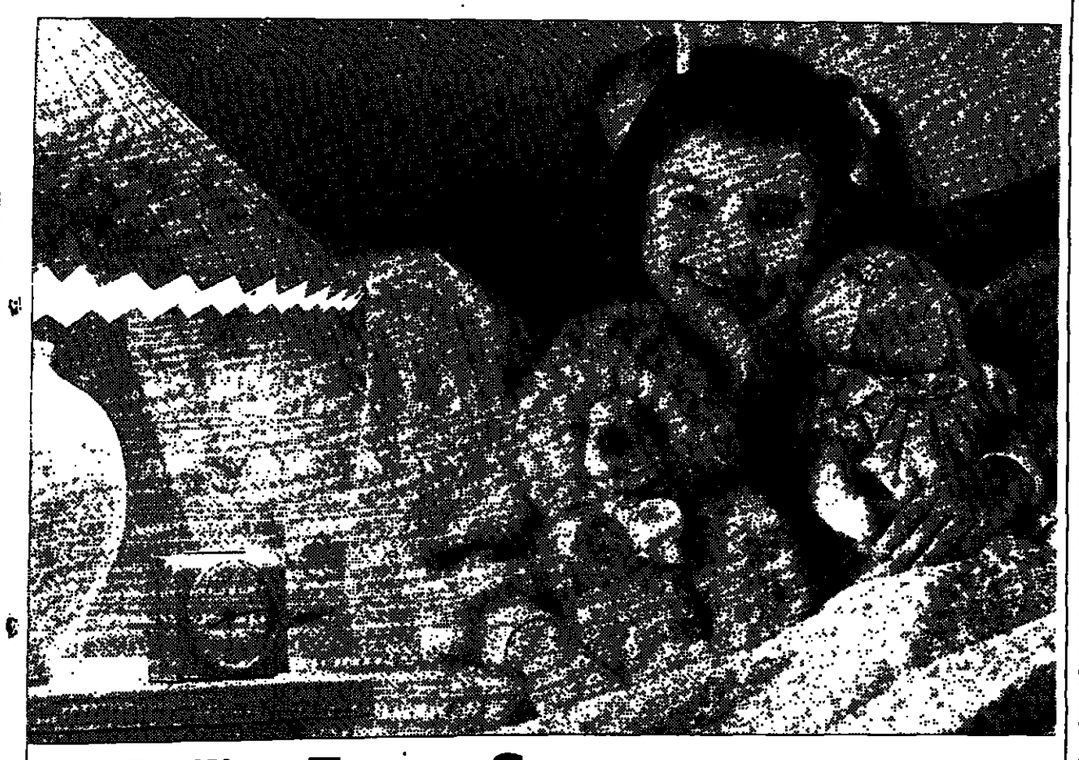
The two ethnic Croat policemen were arrested as "war criminals" and taken to a Serb military base after a tense stand-off between Serb tanks and soldiers and the handful of French UN troops in the armoured vehicles.

A Croat member of Bosnia's collective presidency, meanwhile, said the Muslim-led government had ordered its army to stop making offensives on Croat enclaves in central Bosnia.

Stjepan Kljuic made the announcement as Mate Granic, the Croatian foreign minister, prepared to visit Sarajevo today for talks on the conflict between government troops and separatist Bosnian Croat forces supported by Croatia.



Bosnian Serb soldiers searching a man suspected of being a Muslim fighter in the town of Sanski Most in central Bosnia-Herzegovina. Eleven alleged Muslim soldiers were caught trying to infiltrate the area



Chetnik fans of Beatles inflict a hard day's night

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE

The Chetniks were in boisterous mood as the train brought them home from the war in Bosnia. "Who is the aggressor, who is the aggressor in Mostar?" one said angrily. But it was not intended as a question — Croatia was to blame.

The Chetniks, extreme nationalist Serbs held responsible for widespread rape, murder and "ethnic cleansing" in Bosnia, are concerned for their image abroad. As these comrades-in-arms travelled to Belgrade for a few days' leave, they were curious but suspicious over finding a foreigner sharing their compartment. "Are you a spy? Are you German or English?" they demanded, volunteering that they were based near Mostar and reiterating that the Croats were the real villains.

The 12-hour night journey through Montenegro, Bosnia



and Serbia was punctuated by unscheduled and unexplained stops. In March, 25 Muslims were reported to have been abducted from a train on the same line. Montenegrin officials are still investigating the kidnapping after witnesses reported that the Muslims were taken from the train by Serb militiamen wearing the uniform of the Tigers paramilitary group led by Zeljko Raznjatovic, known as Arkan.

Now, months later, something of the strange psychology of the Chetniks emerged during our journey. They seemed to be classic examples of people brainwashed into blind race hatred; boorish and brutish on the subject of Muslims and Croats. Serb ultra-nationalism has been fostered by Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, but the monster he created now seems to be slipping out of his control. The Chetniks on the train spat out his name; their hero now is Vojislav Seselj, the leader of the extremist Serbian Radical Party.

A full moon rose as the train made a worm-like progress through spectacular mountains. "You have children?" one who spoke English asked. "Women have one role, to have children. We need more Chetnik soldiers," he said, holding his stomach out in mimicry of a pregnant woman. Reports of rape in Bosnia rose in the mind.

The Chetniks sang more lustily with every gulp of liquor, but their lager-lout noisiness drew genuine smiles from two civilians who joined our carriage for part of the journey. When the soldiers grew ever more suspicious about the presence of a foreigner and repeatedly said there was a spy among them, I said I was an Irish nurse. Their hostility waned.

"Does that mean you like all people ... you like Turkish people as well as Serbs?" they asked, but now with tolerant amusement over the concept of anyone liking the Muslims. "We like IRA, good soldiers," they added, starting to show off their wounds, bullet and shell scars in arms and abdomens.

When we crossed into Serbia they began to talk of their families and their aggression almost evaporated. They shared a packet of United Nations ration biscuits and bought me coffee. "I will see my two sons," said the English-speaker. "My wife is finished with me" — he spat on the ground — "she says I am bad for being Chetnik. But my sons will be good Chetniks."

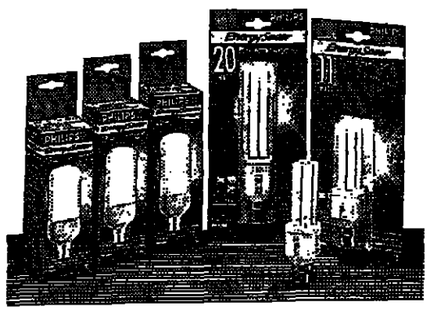
Their earlier nationalist songs gave way to the Beatles and Bob Dylan. "I like Bob Marley songs, but I have problem. He is nigger. I don't like niggers. But they have good songs," the English-speaker said, then shrugged. He gave me his silver Chetnik badge in exchange for the written words of the Beatles' *Yesterday*.

The train pulled into Belgrade and the English-speaker arranged to meet me for coffee two nights later to discuss nursing. I very much hope he did not turn up.

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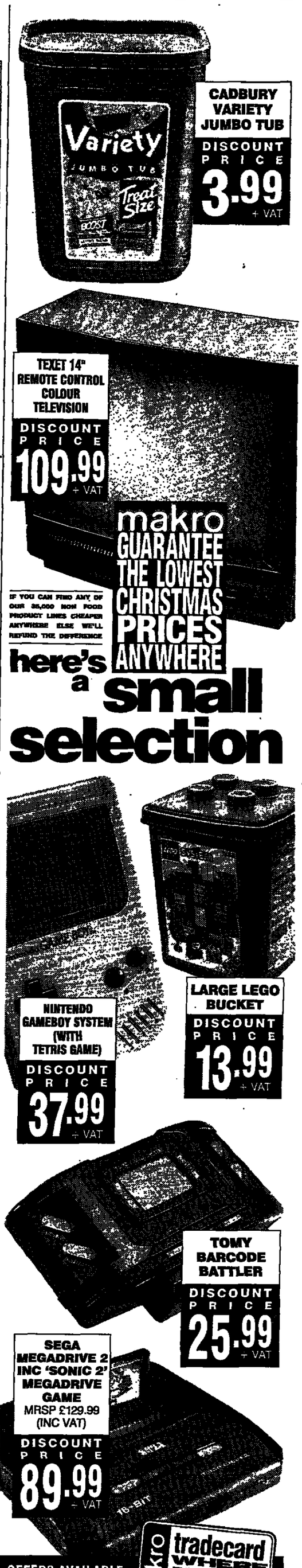
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Ukraine's apocalyptic female cult has ancient roots

When a woman finds a direct line to God

Women in cults never seem to get a good deal. While the men are out graphically describing the day of judgment, they are cooking, cleaning and at all times sexually available to their leader.

John of Leyden, the leader of Anabaptists of Münster in the 16th century, is said to have killed one of his many wives by jumping up and down on top of her.

Until Aids became an acknowledged threat, women members of the American cult the Children of God were known as Hookers for Jesus and instructed to have unprotected sex with as many men as possible, with the aim of raising church funds and breeding new members. David Koresh, who died in the inferno at Waco, Texas earlier this year, had fathered children by several members of his cult.

In Kiev, however, something unusual is taking place. Thousands of members of the Great White Brotherhood have been vandalising the city's churches, proclaiming that the end of the world is nigh and expecting their leader to die today and be resurrected on Sunday. Standard cult behaviour in every way, except that their leader Marina Tsvygun, *aka* Maria Devi Khristos, is a woman.



Marina Tsvygun

Tsvygun may be unusual, but she is by no means unique. Throughout history women have made occasional appearances as cult figureheads. In 15th-century Italy, a small group of men and women known as Guglielmites followed a woman called Guglielma — whom they believed to be the herald of a new all-female church, headed by a woman pope and with a woman God. Women held responsible posts in the Gnostic church and among the pacificist Cathars. In the early days of the Quaker movement, women risked terrible punishment by preaching outside Oxford and Cambridge colleges.

Mother Ann Lee led the Shakers to the New World, where they founded societies based on female equality, communal property and celibacy.

Best known of all, perhaps, was Joanna Southcott (of the famous box), a farmer's daughter born in 1750 in Devon, who is said to have converted 100,000 people to her beliefs. She died in 1814 after a phantom pregnancy, when she claimed to be carrying the Messiah. Followers were still recorded recently.

A study of Southcott's life shows her to have performed a role close to that of the village witch — she knew charms for toothache and cures for the sickness of cows; she could predict thunderstorms and interpret dreams. She claimed that voices told her the world was about to end, appropriately close to the millennium, and the suffering of the times encouraged many to believe her. The French wars raged, harvests failed and thousands of country people were becoming wage labour in the new mills and factories of the towns.

After Southcott's death, the church leadership was taken over by John Wroe, who decreed the number of petticoats women members might wear — and demanded that his congregation provide him with sexual favours.

It is easy to draw parallels between Southcott's world and the social and political upheaval in today's Ukraine. Southcott promised her followers the evils brought upon the world by men would soon be ended. Redemption this time would come through a woman (herself) and God would favour women in his second kingdom because they had been abused in the first. She attacked the established church for its wealth and promised liberty and equality for all in Christ's new kingdom.

According to Karen Armstrong, the author of *The End of Silence: Women and Priesthood*, a history of women in the church, women are used by cults to establish their difference from traditional Christianity. "None of the world religions has been good to women, even though some of the founders were very fair to them," she says. "Islam gave women rights to inheritance and divorce in the 7th century. Jesus and St Paul gave women a very positive image and recognised them as leaders and disciples." However, the early teachings were largely ignored, and the Christian church in particular relegated women to second place.

Ms Armstrong says that fundamentalist movements often make particular use of women. "Many movements like the Children of God pay great attention to putting women into second place. It is their way of saying 'we reject the secular society and women's liberation and want to go back to the days of Luther'."

To Tsvygun, no doubt, the fact that she is a woman is immaterial. "It is significant that she was a former communist youth leader," says Norman Cohn, the author of *The Pursuit of the Millennium, a study of apocalyptic cults.*

"Cult leaders are always very skilful operators and manipulators. They may or may not believe what they are saying, but they say it with genuine conviction and their followers, who feel let down by traditional society, will project all their hopes onto this confident person, who promises a perfect world. Cults always fail because these promises can never be realised."

JULIA LLEWELLYN SMITH



MARTIN BEDDALL

A flavour of England — Fiona Burrell of the Prue Leith cookery school, where young Englishwomen are turned into internationally respected cooks

Only a dash of Sloanery

The English woman chef is no longer a joke figure — even Madonna has one. **Rachel Kelly** reports

It was enough to make *Country Life* readers choke over their kippers. There, in the traditional girls in pearls slot, was one Lucia — commonly known as Lulu — Grimes, "winner of the 1994 Moët et Chandon Award for the best all-round graduate from Leith's School of Food and Wine".

So far, well and good. Nice gels have long majored in hunting, shooting and cooking ... but not for Madonna. For, as the magazine went on to inform its readers, young Miss Grimes is "presently on tour as Madonna's personal chef".

Her responsibilities are awesome. She must cater for the vagaries of the pop-star's macrobiotic diet of seaweed soup and sesame and buckwheat-flour pancakes, their proportions balanced to provide appropriate "yin" and "yang". She must cook for Madonna's 25 crew. She must hop from São Paulo to Rio, from Mexico City to Los Angeles, and Sydney, lock, stock and Le Creuset pots in tow. And all the while missing her Royal Navy officer boyfriend, her favourite pudding, believed to be spotted dick, and her parents in Dulverton, Somerset.



Lucia "Lulu" Grimes

These girls are as hard-working and as disciplined as any merchant banker or lawyer. They have been trained at "college" (no one goes to cooking school these days) and they have often paid the fees themselves. A year-long course at Leith's costs £7,200 and in many cases Mummy no longer shells out. But it's an investment, say the girls in City-speak.

At their ovens by seven, they often put in 14-hour days. They are ambitious and can be well-paid: starting salaries range between £10,000 and £20,000. They will travel. They talk of careers. They wear business suits to interviews (Armani copies); read Australian *Vogue*, the bible of stylish cooks everywhere — and know their Langan's from their *Leith's, and their Boulestin's* from their Kensington Places. Thai, Indian, French, rustic-Italian, new age macrobiotic — you name it, they'll cook it.

Kim Davenport runs Eat Your Hearts Out, a catering agency which finds girls for clients such as Madonna. "These are women who want to earn their living out of cooking," she says. "They are not the cocktail party set."

The girls work in restaurants and hotels, catering companies and as personal chefs round the world and particular on yachts in Cannes. Bel Childs, principal of Tante Marie college of cooking in Woking, says that her girls work for members of our own *royal family, European royals* and wealthy families as far afield as Tokyo. As once only an English governess was acceptable, now it has to be an English cook.

It is all a far cry from the Fergie school of cooking. I don't know if the Duchess of York ever did cook as a chalet-girl, but she perfectly conjures up the genre. Even a decade ago, *English cooks meant* Sloaney girls who could just stretch to cooking fish, but preferred the meat and two vegs they were more regularly required to produce. For cooking school read finishing school.

Frances Bissell, *The Times* cook, says the rise of professional female cooks had to wait until prejudice against them had faded. Ever since Escoffier's time, the cliché has been that men, and French men in particular, are better cooks than women. In the early 17th century, Queen Henrietta Maria ensured that she was surrounded by chefs from her native France. Later, French influence spread again when émigrés came to England after the Revolution.

The industrial revolution took a further toll of our native tradition of home cuisine as people went out to work, leading to a demand for ready-made food. Long years of wartime rationing meant that a rich British culinary tradition almost died.

This century, the long apprenticeship and unsociable hours of a chef have kept women out of professional kitchens. "The catering world has still not latched onto job-sharing," Mrs Bissell says.

However, she believes that in the past few years, the view abroad of British cooking has been transformed. "Everywhere I've cooked abroad, the people are very enthusiastic about English recipes." When Le Meridien, a bastion of Gallic cooking, decided on a short promotion, it invited Michel Roux and Raymond Blanc to cook an English dinner. Recently, British chefs were invited to prepare a British dinner at the Georges V, in Paris. Even La Varenne, among the most famous of French schools, is run by an Englishwoman.

With the rehabilitation of British cuisine has come the rise of English women cooks such as Sally Clarke and Prue Leith, inspired in part by the tradition of cookery writers like Elizabeth David. Fiona Burrell, co-principal of the Prue Leith cookery school, says: "Women used to cook in the home and country houses, but they were not taken as professionals outside the home." Now they are being accepted as professionals, and stylish ones too, by those as fashion-conscious as Madonna. No doubt they will soon be photographed in *The Face*.

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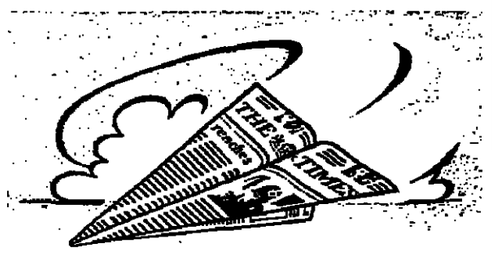
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TODAY'S QUESTION

5. In which country was the composer of the famous "In an English Country Garden" born?

If you have missed any of the questions printed this week, we will repeat all five questions tomorrow.

Thirty years after the shooting, **Kate Muir** meets the president's PR man

I watched Kennedy die

At 11.40am on November 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy and his wife Jackie walked down the steps of Air Force 1 into a warm blast of Texan air and the cheers of a smiling crowd, six deep, lining the roads to downtown Dallas. Just over three hours later, Jackie Kennedy was on Air Force I again, being photographed beside Lyndon Johnson as the 36th president took the oath of office while her husband lay in a coffin in the next cabin.

While the world reeled in horror and wept that day 30 years ago, the presidential PR machine rolled on. At the left side of that second scene is a small man, barely noticeable, who not only watched the peculiar events which followed Kennedy's death, but helped to mould them. His name is Jack Valenti, and he became the political spin doctor for the day, long before the concept was invented.

Earlier in the day, Mr Valenti had been in the sixth car in the presidential motorcade through the city, a local man in charge of press relations in Texas, where he ran one of the first political advertising agencies which helped Kennedy to his slim victory in 1960. "As we went further downtown, the faces became friendlier, the cheers louder. I don't know how it could have been better at that particular moment," Mr Valenti says. "Suddenly, as we were turning on to Dealey Plaza, where the Texas school book depository was, the car in front shot forward like it was on a speedway." At that moment, depending on which conspiracy theory is favoured, bullets had hit the president and Governor John Connally in the open-top limousine, and the motorcade started racing to the hospital.

There, everyone was milling around in the basement in a state of near-hysteria. A secret serviceman beckoned to Mr Valenti, told him that Lyndon Johnson wanted him immediately on Air Force I and added: "The president is dead, you know." Mr Valenti, then 44, began to cry. "It just hit me. The serviceman said, 'Compose yourself, we've gotta go'."



Jack Valenti, arrowed, in one of the abiding images of the day Kennedy was shot

When they arrived at Love Field airport, the presidential aeroplane had been moved to a far corner and was heavily guarded: at first, no one had any idea whether the assassination was part of a wider Cold War plot. The vice president told Mr Valenti he wanted him on his staff immediately. They would create the right image of the presidency and America's response to the crisis for the world to see.

Mr Valenti's first job was to call Washington to scribble down the exact words of the swearing-in oath. "Johnson agreed to two decisions. One was that he should be sworn-in on the aeroplane and have the picture flashed around the world, to show that the light in the White House may flicker, but the light never goes out: that the constitutional strappings which bind the country together remain intact. The second decision was to ask Mrs Kennedy to stand next to him to show that the Kennedy legacy lived on."

"This woman," says Mr Valenti pointing to Mrs Kennedy in her pink suit in the picture, "was almost in a catatonic state. You can see this strange look on her face, her eyes cast down. When you looked in them, they were opaque. She'd look at you but she wasn't seeing you. This dress is all flecked with her husband's blood and white flecks of her husband's brain that had spattered on her. She refused to remove it. Nightmarish."

By their actions they made sure — against Robert Kennedy's advice — that Mr Johnson landed in Washington as the president of the United States. "We decided to wait until the coffin was on board instead of flying straight off so no one could say we left Kennedy behind."

The photograph became one of the abiding images of that day, and few realised how carefully it was thought out. "Johnson had never studied the art or science of semiotics, but he understood myth and symbol." During the flight, Valenti helped write the 57-word speech President Johnson gave on the tarmac at Washington.

He says there were two moods on the plane. "One was the sense of the macabre. How could this happen? Had it really happened? Yet the other was about getting ready to command. LBJ called Rose Kennedy, the president's mother, and talked to Bobby, man-to-man about it, but he had a larger task, he had to govern this country."

That night, after Mr Valenti made his first visit to the White House by landing by helicopter on the south lawn, they sat in the bedroom. President Johnson in his pyjamas, watching television reports on John Kennedy, assessing coverage of the "alien cowboy" who had now taken his job. The new president said he wanted to push through Kennedy's civil rights bill, and stayed up until 3am, outlining "his plans for what became the Great Society, though we did not know it then".

Last year Mr Valenti — who is now the president of the Motion Picture Association of America — met Mrs Kennedy Onassis for the first time in years when she edited and published his novel at Doubleday. She mentioned that she had been given as long as she liked to vacate the White House after her husband's death. "The Johnsons", she said, "were so kind."

● *Jack Valenti appears in* As It Happened: The Killing of Kennedy *on Channel 4 at 7pm on Sunday.*

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What drives Peter Lilley to scorn the politically correct and tackle benefit dependency from scratch?

'Single mothers may be inadequate, but at least they are there, looking after the child'


STEPHEN MARKESON

The scrounger's enemy: Peter Lilley, determined to dismantle the deadly combination of welfare availability with accepted social trends



THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW

Peter Lilley cuts a slight figure in his ballroom-sized office in Whitehall, with its pinkish lamps and plush carpets and swagged drapes in pastel shades. All ministries, he points out, are housed in premises that are the obverse of their purposes.

"The Treasury, which is supposed to look after money, has the most wasteful space; the Department of the Environment has the most hideous building; Health used to have the office with Legionnaires' Disease — and Social Security" — waves at palatial grandeur — "has the most luxurious."

This demure boy — how can he be 50? — is shouldering a Sisyphean boulder: social and moral renewal. The "least recognised" Cabinet minister was this week exposed to the testy challenges of Paxman and Snow. He appeared hesitant, edgily defensive, and was never quite able to get across what is his perfectly proper attempt to reassess radically the welfare state: a Keith Joseph-like critique of how the unrestricted assumption of benefits underpins the cycle of deprivation. Instead, it looked like a heartless stab at a vulnerable group, the single mother. The *Daily Mirror* even launched a ludicrous "Fight for Single Mums" campaign, exploiting that most emotive of images, mother-and-babe, as Christmas looms.

So Lilley was lucky to have the moral support of one plainspoken Tyneside academic, Norman Dennis, of Newcastle University. For 30 years, says Dennis, public opinion has been "corrupted by the dominant liberal intelligentsia", which claims the family is not deteriorating but only changing, and ignores the disastrous social consequences of fatherless families. Dennis feels it is pointless to try to change policy "when public opinion is so disorganised, and so wrong". But Lilley is trying to dismantle this deadly combination of welfare availability with accepted social trends.

Like most women who ignored the social trend and got married before having children, I view the unmarried pregnant teenager with amazement. How can they embark on something as irrrevocable as motherhood without visible means of support?

We have heard from many single mothers this week. They remind me of a girl I once talked to at a DHSS office in north London. Her name really was Tracy. She was blonde, pretty, and breathtakingly dim. Her baby was due in a month; its father had already scarpered "and good riddance". She sat on the floor, waiting to collect her rent money, her milk tokens and "money for a cot".

Why not borrow a cot? They are soon outgrown: I borrowed one, four times over. Tracy was adamant. "Where am I supposed to put this baby — in my own bed? And then if I lie on it and suffocate it I'm a murderer," she said dramatically. One could weep for Tracy and her lifetime of dependent poverty ahead. Or one could question, as Lilley now does, the assumptions of her background — her mother had brought up three children with no father, "and she managed all right" — that lead her into this trap.

On Tuesday *The World at One* found another Tracy, in Wales. She got £59.92 per week, "and a loan from the Social for a bed for Ciaran". She was asked for her views. "If we had more money there wouldn't be so much crime and that." Her mother was succinct: "Girls get pregnant but boys don't want to be stuck with a woman and a baby." Could she have her daughter and grandchild live with her? Not with her husband being "on invalidity".

Such soundbites provoke not sympathy but exasperation. Yet no hard questions are addressed to Tracys, about who will house, feed and clothe their children. Tracy's views, and stupidity, are made acceptable by social convention. Any pregnant woman, married or not, gets every modern aid to a healthy birth. Anyone trying to adopt a child is rigorously scrutinised. But nobody questions the pregnant girl's long-term economic future. Career women discuss glass ceilings, when so many (life expectancy 79 years) fence themselves into parasitical state dependency in their teens. And we all meekly accept collective responsibility: babies must not starve.

"It's certainly very odd," says Mr Lilley, treading on eggshells, "especially to people from very settled, fortunate backgrounds like mine, that anyone can bring a child into the world without being reasonably sure that the other parent will stay around. We know you can never depend on that for ever. But sometimes there doesn't even seem to be any attempt at commitment."

It is a tough question: how far can the social security system be prescriptive about behaviour? Beveridge could take for granted the security of family life, and the dependency of wives on home-providing husbands. But that was half a century ago.

When family allowances arrived in the mid-1940s, Peter Lilley's mother will have received 5s (25p) for him, her second child. Eleanor Rathbone, the MP who drew up the scheme, excluded both the first child and the unmarried; so far have times changed. The Lilleys were a family otherwise untouched by welfare, though Lilley recalls how his father dealt with a tax problem when his sister went to university and Lilley senior's tax allowance failed to arrive. He wrote to the tax office in verse, beginning, "Esteemed and most respected sir/ Although it human is to err/ . . ." which surprised them into action.

Unlike his Cambridge mafia peers, Lilley was "too shy" to speak at the Union. He read natural sciences ("I think I'm the only scientist in Cabinet, now Mrs Thatcher is no longer with us") and economics. Lilley may wish they would not keep showing the "I've got a little list" clip from his rabble-rousing 1992 Tory conference speech, but it did give him some gladiatorial oomph. He tends to be socially outshone by his lively wife Gail, an artist, whom he met when she was a Tory councillor in Highgate. Her next exhibition opens at Roy Miles gallery in December (exquisite oils and pastels for the elegant Tory Christmas stocking). They have houses in Islington, the constituency St Albans, and Normandy; they have no children themselves.

He sighs at "the diversity of human situations" with which his department must deal. He knows how furious it makes the divorced, widowed and deserted, struggling alone, when headlines say "Ministers attack lone parents". He is committed to supporting, not attacking, lone parents, he wearily repeats. "I think it's a shame," he says, "that the focus turns on the women who bear the brunt of the problem, who may not be adequate, but at least they are there, looking after the child.

"What we have seen is a change in attitude to marriage, responsibility, and to benefits themselves. Welfare benefit used to be considered the last resort. It was a matter of pride, even to people on very meagre incomes, to keep themselves, without relying on others. That has been eroded. People began to sneer at those who did not claim all they could."

This week we saw Lady Thatcher's dramatic version of Peter Lilley's part in her downfall which "turned a knife in my heart. Peter was my friend. He was a believer!" He was hurt by her misinterpretation. If he has a knife, it will carve out of the welfare system not just a set of services but a set of ideas about society.

His inroad into *de facto* housing priority for the unmarried is a message of disapproval — for a social development nobody can possibly defend. Much sport was made of his claim that some "get pregnant to get a house" (of course nobody would admit to that) and his more valid point was lost: that the ready availability of housing is probably the nearest thing to a financial incentive for an altered social attitude.

At least, he says, it is a relief to be allowed to discuss it. "For 20 years it was taboo to question them, and even today, one is ridiculed and sneered at by the politically correct. Only open discussion can possibly lead to a change in attitudes. But since the attitudes took 20 or 30 years to become entrenched in one direction," he added softly, "it's not going to happen overnight in another direction."

Quite: it will take generations to judge the effects of his measures, whatever they may be. The pendulum has already swung too far one way to rescue a million benefit-dependent mothers. He thinks "getting maintenance from the fathers" is a step, futile though it may seem if the penniless young father is on benefit himself. Juggling allowances to get women back to work is another.

But what of the children? Why not emulate the French, whose universal provision of nursery schools not only frees young women to work and support themselves, but gets their unruly children into a disciplined environment? The sons (let's be frank, it's the sons) of the dependency-culture most need civilising: and the daughters too have to be directed away from following in their mothers' footsteps. Mr Lilley had been talking to Madame Weil, his French opposite number, about nurseries just last week.

But nurseries are not Tory orthodoxy. Not even worth a try? "A pretty expensive try," he said. Less expensive, I think, than dealing with an already entrenched underclass. But we were cut short. A head appeared: "The car is waiting, Mr Lilley." The real dependency culture, he jested, was the cosseting of government ministers.

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Rebel without a hope

What do people have to do to get themselves noticed today?



LIBBY PURVES

Almost unnoticed, something happened this week while we in the media roared enjoyable abuse at one another and the politicians leaked and blustered. Beside the bleak A47 in Cambridgeshire, a citizen emerged, death-pale and blinking, from a steel box in which he had imprisoned himself half a year ago. "Six months of hell," he said simply. "I missed my 48th birthday, my daughter's 21st, and my father's funeral."

The box, a portable cabin, was once a roadside café. It stood in a layby for 25 years until the Department of Transport declared the site dangerous and closed it. Mr Hawes, in the presence of his MP Henry Bullingham, was promised another pitch three miles away; but after a shooting incident and threats from a nearby householder with a twelve-bore, the offer was withdrawn.

Mr Hawes promptly welded himself in. Summer sun beat down on the cabin, autumn rains drummed on its roof; he ate up the café stores and then received food, and medicine for his arthritis, from his wife and children through a tiny hole.

"I watched television," he told me yesterday. "They never cut the electricity off. I talked to people through a sort of baby-alarm intercom. Otherwise nobody cared. I don't know what it takes to move the Department of Transport. I really don't. But they *promised* me, didnt they? That's all I was saying. They *promised*, in front of my MP, and I voted for an MP not a load of civil servants. What am I supposed to do?"

What, indeed? The locals may have hollered the odd message of solidarity through the hole, but otherwise Mr Hawes's protest, so enormous to him, was met by society with a polite shrug. Nanny-state or not, no anxious authority had even sent firemen or therapists to get him out for his own good. The Department of Transport appeared untroubled. So he came out.

Curiously, in the same week not fifty miles away, a middle-aged lady golfer and choral society stalwart "psyched herself up" by listening to Bizet's Te Deum, stripped to the waist at a local game shoot and slashed herself 30 times with a kitchen knife, smearing blood all over the beaters' vehicles and announcing that if it saved the life of one partridge it would be worth it. She got her picture in the local paper, but beyond that her effect was nil. Even the ambulance crew sent her home to her GP. As an exercise in bathos, you could hardly better it; except, perhaps, by spending six months in the dark being ignored.

The question is, really, what on earth does a peaceable citizen have to do these days to get noticed? There was a time when white poppies, black armbands, shaven heads, or wearing a green willow all around your hat would attract attention, if not sympathy. When the Edwardian writer Saki published *The Great Weep* in which women protesters win their case by embarrassing public crying, it was quite credible that such tactics would work. The Aldermaston marches have passed into legend: today, they would probably make item nine on the TV news.

Perhaps extravagant gestures are just so common now that it is impossible to stand out. If 500 people lie down dressed as corpses outside Parliament, we say: "Oh, a stunt." If Mrs Scargill sits in a condemned pit for three days, we are bored after two. Shaven chanting oriental monks, sleepers in doorways, and sandwich-boards announcing that protein causes lust are part of the street furniture and we hardly register them. Young Iranian human rights protesters at one point sat in the street for three weeks, finally giving up because nobody even broke step. There are just too many arms waving at the bar of life, trying in vain to attract the barman.

All that is left is total self-immolation in the manner of Emily Davison, Jan Palach or Bobby Sands: and even that does not work. Or else — here is the worrying bit — criminal damage. The poll-tax riots were deplorable, but where is the poll tax now?

The man in Cambridgeshire with the twelve-bore gun lost his licence, but has been spared having a transport café near his house; while peaceable, pale Mr Hawes does not have a transport café at all. Suddenly, I feel very nostalgic for Aldermaston. Though, come to think of it, that didn't work either.

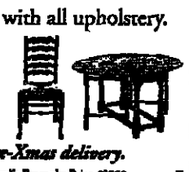
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Philip Howard



How to live with pain is a lesson the philosophers can teach politicians

Politicians need to be stoical, to suffer the sneers and yahoos of outrageous criticism. But should they be stoics? The only living politician on record as a practising stoic is about to arrive in England to preach his stiff-upper-lipped philosophy. Our thin-skinned prima donnas of politics would improve themselves by going down on Monday evening to King's College in the Strand to hear Admiral James Bond Stockdale. He is the American war-hero who last year by accident became Ross Perot's running-mate, and so candidate for the vice-presidency of the United States. As a naval pilot, he was shot down over Vietnam in 1965. As the Vietnamese fired up at his descending parachute, Stockdale consoled himself with the thought that he was leaving this world of pain for Epictetus' world of peace. When he landed, he was immediately beaten up and had his leg broken. He spent the next seven years in Hanoi's infamous Hoa Lo, or "Fiery Furnace" prison camp, four of them in solitary confinement, and two in leg irons.

He claims that he survived, and helped his fellow captives to endure, and made his attempt at suicide, by following the teachings of Epictetus, the slave who became a Stoic philosopher about a century after Christ. Epictetus taught a robust faith in will-power to overcome the external pains and sorrows of life. "On earth we are all prisoners in an earthly body. I must die. But must I die groaning? I must be imprisoned. But must I whine as well? My leg you will chain — yes, but my will — no, not even Zeus can conquer that." Epictetus himself was lame from early youth. The pain and inconvenience of a gammy leg may encourage a philosophical attitude to life. Shout for us, Zeus, the original Thunderer, as we cripples, tripping over our crutches, are tempted by more emotional shrieks at life than Stoicism.

A life not put to the test is a life not worth living, according to the bracing sound-bite of Epictetus. And British boarding-school culture of cold baths, caning, Christianity and cricket was a descendant of Stoicism. There was considerable virtue in it, and the recent tendency towards emotionalism and letting it all hang out could do with stiffening by the stoic recognition that we were not sent into this world entirely for pleasure. A person, and even a politician, needs to recognise that this earthly world is always going to be worthy of much improvement.

Admiral Stockdale is only a part-time politician, on a rickety and unsavoury political platform. His leader, Ross Perot, wounded by being described as a demagogue by professional politicians, looked the word up in his dictionary, and entirely approved of its application to him. A democratic politician needs to listen to the voices of as many diverse people as he can manage. But the difference between a politician and a demagogue is that the former has a notion (however batty) of leading the people in some direction or other, while the latter rides on the backs of the people's prejudices and passions without caring where they take him. Ross Perot could use some of the detachment of his running mate.

Admiral Stockdale was an ineffectual politician during the presidential election, famously asking "Why am I here?" during the vice-presidential television debate, and confessing that he had missed a question because he had not turned up his hearing-aid. But, like his hero, the admiral is an example to us all, by turning his eyes outwards from his daily excitements to the larger world of the mind.

In these days of grimly professional politics, no prime minister is ever again going to have the time to write academic books on Homer, as Gladstone did, or Byronesque romances, as Disraeli did. These days they have no time to read anything more demanding than Trollope or even (stretching it a lot) Jeffrey Archer.

The daft flying admiral could teach us something useful about stoic and stoical indifference. The first adjective preserves the memory of the antique stoics, the second keeps them in the background. Unlike Epicureanism and Platonic love, Stoicism is a philosophy that has preserved its original meaning. The emotional world of Ross Perot and psychobabble and instant gratification could use more of it.



At the feet of the leader

Oppressed peoples who must pretend to worship their tyrants are one thing, but how can we explain cults among the free?

Bernard Levin

Ozymandias, thou shouldst be living at this hour. But he is, he is! Listen to this from the Associated Press: "A bronze statue of Mao Tse-tung, five times life size, will be unveiled on December 26 in his home province, Hunan, to mark the 100th anniversary of his birth."

As I recall, Mao, though a trifle corpulent, was somewhat below average Western height; shall we say 5ft 6ins? Multiply that by five, knock off a bit for the plinth, and there is old Ozy Mao nine yards up in the sky, the man who killed more human beings than any other murderer in all history — more than Pol Pot, more than Hitler, more than Stalin. With that record, why stop at a mere five times life-size? Why not ten times? A hundred? A thousand? Why not build a statue that will reach the moon, the sun, the farthest stars, even God Almighty? (Particularly the last, because Mao will have a nasty shock when he discovers that He exists, after all those years in which he denied it.)

On the other hand, perhaps no man who ever lived was, in his own lifetime, treated by more people as a god. Reading again, George Urban's compilation *The Miracles of Chairman Mao* is a weird experience. When it was first published, 22 years ago, it had three wildly different receptions: one was, of course, laughter at the lunacy; the second was a shudder that such madness could exist; the third was the one which today is dismissed as impossible: it comprised those who genuinely believed in it all — indeed I recall vividly a march of Maoist dafties, with a massive banner above them, reading "Put Mao Tse-tung thought in charge of everything". (Though for all I know, Professor Terence "Call me Terry" Eagleton, our most fashionable Oxford Marxist, may think that that would be a great stride into the perfect world.) Anyway, have a taste.

Here is Comrade Chin Hsun-hua, who unfortunately fell into the Shuang River and was drowned; he met his tragic and watery end by trying to save state materials, and was rewarded by being posthumously made a member of the Chinese Communist party. Dead men are expected to leave no tales, but this one left plenty; he had kept a diary:

"Yesterday was the third anniversary of our great leader Chairman Mao's swim in the Yangtze River. Our great leader Chairman Mao is in such excellent health; this is the greatest happiness for the revolutionary people in China and the whole world... Under the leadership of our great leader Chairman Mao, and under the guidance of Mao Tse-tung thought, let us advance courageously in the new high tide of the world revolution and in the storms and waves of the class struggle...

"In the afternoon, I had a pain in my stomach... I remembered that now production work is very pressing. Then, when I was working, I found my stomach pain was not so serious after all...

"This afternoon, I went for a swim in the river. As I stood on the bank I saw that the current was very swift. Shall I swim? The current is really frightening, I thought to myself. At this juncture, I remembered Chairman Mao's teaching: 'Even big storms and waves are not formidable. It is precisely amid storms and waves that human society develops.' Knowing that a man can cultivate bravery and toughness in the swift current, I jumped into the river and swam a score of metres...

"Recently I was asked to participate in the performance of literary and art programmes. This really put me in a dilemma. It is my bounden duty to disseminate Mao Tse-tung thought, but I do not know anything about acting. What if there are flaws in my performance? I then studied Chairman Mao's works. By studying, my mind became clear. With a clear mind, I learned relatively well, and in a short time I mastered some of the fundamentals of acting..."

Don't put your cadres on the stage, Mrs Worthington, don't put your cadres on the stage. But it is not only comical, poor Chin Hsun-hua's fate; it is the fate of countless millions.

My jesting about one of the world's greatest wickednesses may be thought in poor taste. But it is not possible to exclude laughter from such crawling creatures as Chin, watery grave or no watery grave, so remote are they from anything that can be called human; Chin and his fellows, the proud victims, parrot their slogans and mumble their dreadful versicles and responses.

The population of China in those days was getting on for one billion. (It is well past that marker now.) It is inconceivable that all of them took seriously the Mao Tse-tung rubbish, let alone the rubbish that the rubbish inspired. I rather think that the number who laughed was truly substantial; the Chinese have a reputation, I think well earned, for being inscrutable, and perhaps behind their inscrutability they were bursting with laughter. And we must welcome into the ranks of sanity those millions who did not laugh (and had nothing to laugh about, not even Chin and his parrots), but certainly believed not a word of it.

Yet among those millions there were, there must have been, vast numbers who swallowed it whole, and had no propensity to vomit as they did so. And remember that even these were human beings.

What are the most terrible words in *Nineteen Eighty-Four*? Those which threaten Winston Smith having his face torn off by the hungry rats? Those that are parting him from his love? Those in which O'Brien first makes clear that he is not in the same boat, as Winston thought him, but is the enemy? No; the answer is (they are the last words of the book): "He loved Big Brother."

The argument goes on, and will never be settled: is there a thing called mass brainwashing, or is it a phrase that should never have escaped from fiction? If the latter, how do you account for Chin and his like? If the former, how does it work and can anybody do it?

This is not the same question as the one about the statue of Mao. After all, when the Soviet Union collapsed, there was a roar and a rumble as many a hundred statues were pulled down, the demolition parties signifying that they had only put them up and kept them there by *force majeure*, and nobody could quarrel with that. The poor devils of Hunan will have to put up with the nine-yard Mao towering over them and blotting out the light for half the day, but nobody could criticise them for not pulling it down as soon as it was put up. (And in any case, however long we have to wait, that statue too will be torn down, along with the evil state that put it up.)

These are logical positions. Chin's wasn't. Try this one:

"A man of medium build who had been paralysed for four years, Lia Chao-yu, was overwhelmed with excitement when he got on the stage. Waving *Quotations from Chairman Mao Tse-tung*, he jumped with joy and cheered 'Long live Chairman Mao!' for at least a minute. He told the audience: 'I owe my second life to Chairman Mao. No language in the world can express fully my gratitude to our dear and respected Chairman Mao'. He then did a dance in praise of the great leader Chairman Mao."

Someone, in the Great Leader's lifetime, calculated that there were approximately five billion pictures of him in China. What did he feel when he was told? You can say that by then he was very mad indeed, and thought it nothing but his due. But before that, when he was only a murderous tyrant, and had ideas (wrong but possibly useful), did he believe what his court told him — that he could do anything, that he was the greatest genius who ever lived, that he could not make a mistake, that no one was allowed to disagree — *did* he think he could make China an entirely different place, and its people entirely different human beings?

And whatever the answer, how can we explain the rush of people *in free countries* yearning to throw themselves beneath the wheels of the juggernaut? I wonder if the group with the banner saying "Put Mao Tse-tung thought in charge of everything" are still of that mind?

Perhaps we should leave that question, and all the other questions, to poor Chin.

"We talked of the problem of lamps and have come to a conclusion: no matter how bright the lamp is, when one's ideology is dark, one still feels the lamp is dark. No matter how small the wick is, whenever I study Chairman Mao's works, my heart feels bright all over."

Make the law blind to colour

David Pannick welcomes racial training for judges

The report in *The Times* yesterday that every judge in England and Wales is to receive training in racial awareness demonstrates the commitment of the senior judiciary to the promotion of public confidence in the legal system. Since justice must not only be done, but be seen by persons of all ethnic groups to be done, judges need to communicate effectively with all those who appear in their courtrooms.

The black defendant in a criminal case will not, nowadays, be faced by conscious racial prejudice. The training of the judiciary is not designed to deal with racists who have views similar to those of the notorious anti-Semitic United States Supreme Court judge Mr Justice McReynolds, who refused to speak to his Jewish colleagues on the bench in the early decades of this century. Such people should not be, and are not now, appointed to the bench.

The problem at which the training is directed is not deliberate malevolence, but misunderstandings, unintended discourtesies and the occasional misguided comment, which can undermine the efficacy of the law. No English judge would be as insensitive as the American judge in the 1970s who listened to an application made by a lawyer of Japanese extraction requesting more time to prepare for a trial, and gave the injudicious response, "How much time did you give us at Pearl Harbor?" But there are dangers of stereotyping defendants, as was seen last year when an assistant recorder was criticised by the Lord Chancellor for commenting in court that a particular type of crime was "far too prevalent among the Nigerian community".

What can training achieve? The pioneering and valuable work of Mr Justice Brooke for the Judicial Studies Board has focused on a number of basic but important matters. Effective communication in court is likely to be impeded if judges do not know how ethnic minorities describe themselves (for example, "black" rather than "coloured") or do not understand the significance of names in various cultures. Ignorance of fundamental aspects of the lives of ethnic minorities, such as the importance of a dowry or wearing a turban, may undermine the confidence of the witness or defendant. In assessing the demeanour of those who appear in court, judges need to understand that responses may be based on cultural phenomena. So, a young defendant who refuses to look the judge in the eye may not be defying authority, but acting as could be expected of someone of his ethnic background.

Section 95 of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 now recognises the duty of all those engaged in the administration of criminal justice to avoid discriminating against any persons on the ground of race or sex or any other improper ground. The Bar Council and the Law Society have strong policies against race discrimination. There are increasing numbers of barristers and solicitors from ethnic minorities who will, on merit, play a very significant role in the future of the legal profession.

Although improvements are taking place, progress in the appointment of black QCs and judges is slow, and the Lord Chancellor rightly refuses to adopt a policy of positive discrimination. The ranks of senior barristers and the judiciary remain almost exclusively white because they themselves began their careers at the Bar at a time when an aspiring black barrister faced real difficulties in securing a tenancy.

While it remains the case that a black defendant or witness very often appears in a courtroom where the judge and all the lawyers are white, promoting ethnic minorities' confidence in the system is vital. Training judges in racial awareness will not provide specially favourable treatment for black people. It will help to ensure that in our multi-racial society, justice is truly colour-blind.

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That Dizzy feeling

NORMAN LAMONT was back on familiar territory last week at the Treasury for a reunion with the mandarins who advised him when he was Chancellor of the Exchequer. The civil servants, led by Sir Terence Burns, permanent secretary at the Treasury, threw a party for their old boss.

Much of the discussion concerned affairs of state, but some inevitably touched upon the thorny annual issue of the Treasury Christmas card. Indeed the matter was so close to the former chancellor's heart when in office that he was presented at last week's party with the picture he wanted for a card when he was in power. It was a reproduction of a Disraeli portrait hanging in the National Portrait Gallery, in which Disraeli is smoking opium.

Needless to say, Burns decided that opium-smoking was not quite the image for the Treasury and on his advice Lamont settled for a rather more mundane rendition of the Victorian statesman. "From the moment I became chancellor I wanted to have Disraeli," he says. "I wanted the one of him smoking an opium pipe and wearing pantaloons. But I was persuaded in favour of the one by J.E. Millais."

Kenneth Clarke, the new incumbent, has abandoned Disraeli for a lesser known politician. Austen Chamberlain, whose half-brother Neville, of course, became prime minister. Austen Chamberlain made his mark as foreign secretary, but one should bear in mind that he also served two terms as chancellor. Clarke surely wouldn't want to give Lamont ideas about a comeback.

No steam ahead?

THE IMPLICATIONS of the government's pit closure programme are far-reaching indeed. Even Britain's last operational coal-fired paddle steamer may be under threat.

The problem is that only the finest quality coal will do for the Kingswear Castle, which offers charter trips from the historic naval dockyards at Chatham in Kent. British Coal is already struggling to produce coal of good enough quality for the steamer, built in 1924, and its trustees claim that more pit closures can only result in a further deterioration of quality.

"The closure of mines is not very helpful, because we find it difficult enough to get the right kind of coal as it is," says John Megoran, one of the trustees. British Coal says it will do all it can to prevent such a tragedy. "Even if it means we have to import coal of the necessary quality where necessary."



DIARY

● John Tusa is not turning his back on higher education altogether. Last night, a month after he left the presidency of Wolfson College at Cambridge in high dudgeon, he received an honorary degree as Doctor of Laws from London University.

Put the hat away

SENIOR MPs are so upset at the public ridicule they received for wearing odd headgear in the Commons chamber that they are calling for the "top hat" rule to be revised. MPs don some sort of headgear, whether it is the hat kept behind the Speaker's chair, a police helmet or even a knotted hankerchief, to catch the Speaker's eye to raise a point of order during a division.

The farce reached dramatic proportions last week when constituents saw their elected representatives on television with a collapsible opera hat on their heads during the *débâcle* of the rail Bill. The sensitivity among MPs is such that the matter is likely to be taken up by the Commons procedure committee.

"Whatever the practicalities, it does look incredibly stupid. My view is that if we could find a better way to draw attention during a division, we should certainly do it," says committee member, Charles Hendry, MP for High Peak.

Hang in there

HARD on the heels of Peter Deighan's portrait of John Major comes news at last that the Carlton Club, bastion of the Tory establishment, is to hang its own version of the prime minister.

Until recently, Margaret Thatcher glared down from the prized slot reserved for pictures of the prime minister overlooking the club's staircase. She has now been relegated to the drawing room. Mr Major will finally unveil the portrait by Diccon Swan next Wednesday night, on the eve of the new parliamentary session.

Swan eventually arranged a sitting for the end of June: "I was asked to do it about two months after he became prime minister. It just took an awfully long time to get him to agree to a date." He painted Major in a pinstripe suit at the cabinet table. In front of him is the cigar box inscribed W.R. given by King William IV to Wellington. As a non-smoker, Major uses it to store his pens.

● The Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, is disturbed that the press has dubbed his band of provincial episcopal vicars "the flying bishops". So he admitted at the general synod this week that he was searching for a more respectful but catchy term. The acronym PEVs has been ruled out, however, because it sounds like a form of plastic.



Not a carry on

Yesterday was a sad day for *Carry On* fans. Not only did it see a plethora of obituaries of the films' director Gerald Thomas, it also served as a painful reminder that what could have been the funniest film of all, *Carry On Texas*, was never made.

In the early 1980s, the scriptwriter Ken Hoare was asked by Thomas to create a *Carry On*-style spoof of the soap opera *Dallas*. "They had been affected by the *Airplane* movies and they wanted to do a *Carry On* film that was a little more zany than the others," he says. "I delivered the first draft — a spoof of *Dallas* with sewage instead of oil — and they blew hot and cold. It was a relief, as it was slipping back into *Carry On*-isms."

Barbara Windsor regrets it was never made: "The opening shot was of Jock Ewing's funeral. That was Sid [James], who had died shortly before. It was real sleaze. I was to be the poison dwarf, Charlene Tilton. Kenneth Williams was J.R., or rather, R.U. Ramming. It was scrapped when *Dallas* threatened to sue. But it was only a *Carry On* film."

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POWER PARTNERS

What Lord Walker can learn from Liverpool

So many experimental policies have been launched in the past 14 years to revive the inner cities that the government's new urban regeneration agency, English Partnerships, set up under the chairmanship of the former cabinet minister, Peter Walker, was bound to be greeted with scepticism. Though correct in the analysis that local redevelopment could never be achieved by town halls acting alone, the Tories have long failed to produce a coherent alternative strategy.

The government has been accused of not caring about the inner cities. But, if anything, its urban policy has been too urban. Redevelopment policies, from the urban development corporations (UDCs) created in 1981, to the ill-thought City Technology College project, to the two-year-old City Challenge schemes, have focused on the blighted inner cities rather than their role in the surrounding areas. The 13 UDCs have reclaimed 3,500 acres a year, with often striking results such as the Albert Dock development in Liverpool. But transforming dereliction is not enough.

Lord Walker's new agency seems to have acknowledged that cities must be seen as the hubs of regional economies rather than canvases for cheery beautification. By stripping the word "urban" out of its official title, it has signalled that its work will not be confined by city walls but will focus on the attraction of inward investment to whole areas in economic trouble.

The encouragement of long-term strategic projects should be made easier by the structural reforms announced last week by John Gummer, the environment secretary. To minimise the complexity of local bids for support and cut through red tape, six government departments will pool their aid programmes in a single regeneration budget administered by regional offices. Local partnerships seeking public funding will be able to apply to a single point for integrated assistance from different departments.

This is one of the most sensible local government reforms of recent years. But change at the centre must be matched by foresight and enterprise in the regions. Without vigorous co-operation between public and private sector in deprived areas, aid from Whitehall will amount to little more than a short-term national dole. Local authorities have never been able to manage these funds effectively on their own: but centrally-imposed quangos such as the urban development corporations cannot offer long-term solutions.

There are signs that some regions are moving beyond this old polarity between town hall and quango to develop their own alliances and collaborative ventures. Symbolic of the new approach is the Mersey Partnership, launched in London last month, which will co-ordinate marketing strategy for Liverpool and its surrounding region. As we reported on Tuesday, Liverpool is being transformed by new policies of cooperation between governing authorities and the academic, business and church communities. Peterborough's new £500 million southern township development is being backed by Hanson plc. In the capital, the Corporation of London (the local authority for the City) is collaborating energetically with the London Docklands Development Corporation.

Accountable politicians must naturally be at the heart of all such ventures, as they are in the Mersey Partnership and will be, Lord Walker has promised, in the activities of his new agency. It is heartening that in many areas, public and private sector are now collaborating unbidden by Whitehall, and are treating public funds as investment rather than subsidy.

Old tensions between business and local government are slowly relaxing. The word "partnership" has been used so indiscriminately in political discourse that it has become almost meaningless. But in the context of local governance, it deserves to be reclaimed.

PLAYING FOR TIME

The Arts Council axe is falling on orchestras too fast

Does London have too many symphony orchestras? That is the view of the Arts Council. Twenty years after the Peacock Report made the suggestion, it has finally decided to reduce to two the number of London orchestras receiving public subsidy. One will be the London Symphony Orchestra which has an excellent and artistically successful relationship with the Barbican and the City of London (which also funds it). The problem is choosing the other one, which will play in the Festival Hall. This week an Arts Council committee, chaired by the high court judge Sir Leonard Hoffmann, is examining evidence supplied by the three competing orchestras and the South Bank Centre, which runs the Festival Hall. Even before the committee pronounces, the process has produced bitter divisions in the musical world.

Some oppose the entire idea: the more orchestras the better, they argue, for a city which considers itself the capital of the musical world. Why jeopardise the sheer variety of choice for London's concert-goers because a few bureaucrats have itchy fingers? Others, however, point to falling attendances, greying audiences, a certain sameness of repertoire, and a feeling that, although London's orchestras are fine, they do not match the "world-class" ensembles of Vienna, Berlin or Chicago.

By combining three orchestras' subsidies into one, the Arts Council hopes to enable the winner to lift its standards to this exalted level. As for the losers, they will survive on sponsorship, recordings and box-office takings — or die.

Will the Arts Council's route produce the desired excellence? Not necessarily. Even if the winner did receive enhanced subsidy, it would still be getting no more than a quarter of what the Berlin Philharmonic receives from public funds, a quarter of what a world-class orchestra costs. There is confusion, too, about how the Arts Council's vision of a super-orchestra tallies with the South Bank's plans for attracting younger audiences with bright, radical music-making. The Vienna Philharmonic is not noted for its educational work or its iconoclastic sense of adventure.

These two artistic goals — adventure or perfection — are not necessarily mutually exclusive. But there is a further source of bitterness: two of the orchestras, the Philharmonia and Royal Philharmonic, believe that they are not competing on a level playing-field with the third, the London Philharmonic, which has the clear backing of the South Bank and a contract to be its resident orchestra until 1997.

Under these circumstances, any choice made by the Hoffmann committee will cause a discord of Stockhausen proportions. Sir Peter Maxwell Davies, who is affiliated to the RPO camp, has already announced that he will hand back his knighthood if his orchestra goes under. The other orchestras can summon equally eminent knights, earls, even princes, to their aid.

That, of course, is no argument for maintaining the status quo for ever. London's orchestras must be forced to ponder why their box-office takings have not benefited from the recent huge surge in classical music appreciation. But this decision is too important to British musical life to be rushed through before Christmas in a *prestissimo agitato*.

CASTLES IN COLD AIR

Euro Disney needs several transformation scenes

The kingdom has lost its magic. The loss last year by Euro Disney of £614 million is twice as large as analysts expected and represents a financial drain that even its extraordinarily successful American parent company will be hard pressed to staunch. There is now a real prospect that this most visible overseas totem of American culture may dispatch Happy, Dopey, Grumpy and their goodly company of mice, dwarves and fairies to the unemployment bureaux of Paris.

Such an outcome would be a spectacular financial blow for investors in both America and France. It would also inevitably inspire fresh transatlantic polemics on the mutual incomprehension of the old world and the new. In the current political climate, it would reinforce resistance in France not only to the dominance of American film and television but to the alleged Americanisation of daily life. European intellectuals would prate about the superiority of native European myths and fantasies — the inspiration, in fact, for most of the Disney magic — while exasperated American investors would warn their countrymen to avoid risks with the hoity-toity Europeans.

Any mirror on the wall, however, could have foreseen Snow White's troubles at Marne-la-Vallée. Paris may look a central location on a planning map; but whereas Americans think nothing of a weekend flight or a 15-hour drive to Orlando, the people of Dresden, Oslo and Athens see Euro Disney as several countries and a very expensive plane journey away.

The Disney executives should have first tried standing in an empty parking lot on a November afternoon or queuing for an hour and a half with three children to spend fifty seconds on Indiana Jones et le Temple du Péril. Those who rejected Spain because of its peripheral position forgot its weather.

Even a clichéd understanding of French likes and habits should have made it obvious that a day out with no alcohol and no proper restaurants is hardly a Frenchman's idea of fun. American planners — and their French partners — should also have looked at the relative attractions of Orlando and Paris. Whereas Disney World ranks as one of the most vibrant attractions in Florida, tourists are not drawn to Paris by the magnetism of Euro Disney: there is much else to do.

The magic kingdom has not been well managed. As well as the rain and the surly staff, there are the prices. The franc is strong, and Euro Disney is too expensive: for many, it is cheaper to fly to Florida. No one wants to pay £60 for a Mickey Mouse doll. Few wanted the package rate at the hotels even after recent price cuts. The park borrowed too much money and banked on recouping too much of it from ancilliary services. In order to survive, the magic kingdom may have to become a French national treasure. Pass the magic wand.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Press freedom and privacy protection

From Mr James G. Bradshaw

Sir, It is surprising that Mr Oscar Beuselinck (letter, November 10) should put the argument, however rhetorically, that Sir David Calcutt and everyone else concerned with intrusion by the press could have been wasting their time in the consideration of this subject.

On the decided cases the law is in an unsatisfactory state and this is not acceptable upon an issue of such high importance as the right freely to print, write or speak.

After believing totally in such a right for all my adult life, the events of recent years have brought me to the conviction that some restraint on the invasion of privacy is now necessary and inevitable.

It is hard to believe that in the face of so many appalling abuses any unprejudiced person could accept that self-regulation can be any more considered a tenable answer.

The irresponsible section of the press has shown beyond doubt that it will never resist the temptation to infringe personal privacy by payment of large sums of money for information obtained by means which, if not already illegal, should now speedily be made so.

Nor will it be a sufficient remedy to rely upon civil law. If a publisher is prepared to pay for information in hundreds of thousands, civil damages limited, say, to £10,000 are unlikely to be a deterrent.

The convincing reports of Sir David Calcutt provide for effective sanctions which the government, decisive for indecision as it so often appears, should now face up to and carry into law. No self-respecting newspaper need fear such a step if the legislation provides, as it should, a defence of legitimate public interest.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES G. BRADSHAW
(Retired solicitor),
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November 10.

From Mr Philip I. Conway

Sir, Despite the view of Lord Lester of Herne Hill (letter, November 9), there is no common law right to privacy in this country. The reference to privacy by Lord Keith in the *Spycatcher* case was concerned only with situations where the invasion of privacy amounted to a breach of confidence. As Gorden Kaye's solicitor I can say that Lord Lester is also incorrect in stating that the Court of Appeal banned the publication of the photographs of the actor taken in 1990 without consent as he lay incapacitated in his hospital room.

I know of no case where it has been successfully argued that there is a general right to privacy. Indeed, when the Duchess of York's friend John Bryan applied to restrain the publication of certain holiday photographs, he was unsuccessful because the court ruled that there was no right to privacy. My firm successfully represented the *Daily Mirror* on that occasion.

I am sure that, had the Princess of Wales applied for an injunction on the basis that her right to personal privacy had been wrongfully infringed, her application would have met the same fate.

Yours faithfully,
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From Professor Eric Moonman

Sir, Lord McGregor's remarks urging advertisers to withdraw their business from a newspaper, subsequently retracted (report, November 11), create a dangerous precedent which troubles me rather more than the foolish actions of the Mirror group in purchasing and publishing the rather boring pictures of the Princess of Wales.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr G. H. Wallace

Sir, Mirror Group Newspapers and many others in our free-wheeling society should remember that freedom has two aspects, and that freedom *from* is at least as important as freedom *to*.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE WALLACE,
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From Mr D. A. Chance

Sir, Pest control is essential for rats. Statutory control seems to be just as essential for ratbags.

Yours truly,
D. A. CHANCE,
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Bungay, Suffolk.

Coach seatbelts

From Mrs Janet Whitby

Sir, It may be impossible for the government to enforce a unilateral seatbelt law (report, November 11). This does not prevent coach companies from offering passengers the option of wearing a seatbelt.

Yours faithfully,
JANET WHITBY,
35 Cassland Road, E9.
November 11.

The future and fate of the Marsden

From Professor Robert Souhami

Sir, The threat to the Royal Marsden Hospital (report, November 8) is a striking example of the damage now being inflicted on specialist medicine in London. The wrecking forces are familiar. They are unplanned, ill-conceived "market forces", and a series of reports by expert committees drawn mainly from outside London, each with a restricted brief, a poor grasp of London medicine and sometimes their own axe to grind.

This attack on London's academic medical institutions is taking place against a dramatic drop in the prestige of UK academic medicine: a 37 per cent reduction in citation of UK clinical papers in oncology since 1986, and a loss of 10 per cent of all university clinical academic staff since 1980.

The Marsden and the Institute of Cancer Research are excellent clinical and academic institutions. Rational, planned redevelopment of cancer medicine and research in west London involving the Marsden and its neighbouring hospitals could bring big benefits.

Random damage by the "internal market", combined with a softening-up process of rumour and speculation about closure, produces the opposite. There is a flight of talent, deep demoralisation and a drift to destruction. All of us in academic medicine in London know the feeling.

It is a contemptible episode in British medical history which is the product of a weak, indecisive, but deeply ideological government.

Yours faithfully,
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From Professor Peter Garland and others

Sir, Your account of the government's report reviewing research at the Royal Marsden Hospital confirms what is widely known: membership of an "expert advisory group" brings with it neither infallibility nor absolute rectitude.

The group's report, responsibility for which lies with its authors, was commissioned by the Department of Health as part of a review of London special health authorities.

The terms of reference for the research review of the Marsden excluded its associated Institute of Cancer Research. The advisory group nevertheless chose to pass judgment (which was adverse) on several aspects of the institute's research management. In doing so they incurred three basic responsibilities, none of which was met: to get the facts right; to base conclusions on evidence; and promptly to retract damaging conclusions when they are demonstrated to be wrong.

In contrast the Department of Health accepted as true the institute's record of excellence in its research arrangements and thereby disavowed those sections of the report.

The report was equally erroneous in its conclusions on the arrangements at the Marsden, which shares with the institute much of its accommodation, funding and research and many of its appointments and projects.

What matters most in research is performance, not procedure. The advisory group acknowledged the "high quality" of the institute's research, most of which, incidentally, would not even exist but for the Marsden's help and collaboration. It recognised its own relative lack of expertise in cancer research, and drew on the experience of a panel of international referees.

The group's final assessment of performance excluded the institute's hospital-dependent research and disagreed in some areas with the high opinions of international referees. Even so, some 80 per cent of the Marsden's research effort was found to lead nationally. The criteria used were evidently high — a Queen's Award-winning team was rated as "weak".

Yours faithfully,
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Racial harmony

From Mr Keith Poulter

Sir, Bernie Grant, MP, who wants the Crown Jewels and other artifacts returned to Africa as compensation for slavery (report, November 10), may not be joking.

If serious, he seems to be playing his part in the "increase in racism" to which he refers.

It is not necessary for black people to "set a new agenda for the millennium", but it is surely necessary for divisive types such as Mr Grant to stop pulling the nation apart along the lines of race. His comments encourage people to think that black British people have still not made up their minds about where their roots lie, and this only engenders suspicion and racism.

All British people today, irrespective of race and religion, in effect have their roots in Britain and the agenda for the millennium should seek harmony among all citizens of this country.

Perhaps Mr Grant should consider, firstly, getting on with the job for which we, the British taxpayers, pay him and, secondly, getting on with representing the people, of all races, in his constituency.

Yours faithfully,
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Up to the Mark

From the Chief Executive of the Consumers' Association

Sir, Donald Chidson, leader of the Charter Mark-winning Wealden District Council (letter, November 3) criticises my comments on Charter Marks (report, October 28). I do not know whether the services provided by his council are excellent, mediocre or whatever; my point was that individual awards of Charter Marks are in too many cases puzzling enough to call the whole enterprise into question. Until the criteria for awards are made public, who can have confidence in them? This is not cynicism; it is healthy scepticism.

In your report you rightly pointed out that British Gas had won a Charter Mark even though it offers no timed appointments, its record on advice is poor, and its showrooms are exdirectory.

Seven out of the 15 regional electricity companies in the UK now have Charter Marks — yet the October *Which?* report on the industry hardly paints a picture of soaring standards of service and delighted customers.

The awards should reflect the reality of consumers' experience. Currently, they seem to reflect what officials think consumers want.

Yours faithfully,
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November 4.

Women's rights

From Mr Tim Symonds

Sir, I do not know whether or not a tribunal would find against the Labour party's pioneering effort to extend parity to the House of Commons by insisting on female-only shortlists for candidates in half of all marginal parliamentary seats and in half the seats where a Labour MP is retiring ("Does Labour's policy on women break the law?", Law, November 9). However, the question itself must in constitutional terms apply to the appalling position of women in the Upper House.

The UK, unique among parliamentary democracies, has a major legislative arm where more than 800 peers — two-thirds of the total — sit and govern us because they are the first sons of certain "noble" families.

Apparently this utter affront to women (even apart from the overall affront to democracy itself which the Lords constitutes) cannot be challenged at tribunal because peers are not paid — another of the endless trickeries that militate against women's opportunities and standing in a world desperately in need of the majority gender's talents.

Yours faithfully,
TIM SYMONDS,
8 Potterne Wick, Devizes, Wiltshire.
November 10.

Civic sculptures

From Councillor Mrs Renée Spector

Sir, In your illustrated article (November 8) by Marcus Binney criticising civic sculptures you struck a somewhat fevered note which does not concur with our experience here in Birmingham.

We have now an extensive record of works of public art in the International Convention Centre, Centenary Square and most recently in Victoria Square.

We have won a number of prestigious national awards for these works. Many are already well loved by Birmingham's citizens.

But is it not just as important to inspire in the positive passer-by the wish to compare, to think and to evaluate for themselves what they feel about these works of art? Is not controversy itself part of the lifeblood of art in a civilised society?

In a recent survey carried out in Victoria Square, 95 per cent of the people of Birmingham were very pleased with the square as a whole and 77 per cent approved of the public art. This in itself endorses the actions we have taken in creating a lively and stimulating environment in our city centre.

Yours faithfully,
RENÉE SPECTOR
(Chairperson, Arts, Culture and Economy Sub-Committee,
Birmingham City Council),
139 Grange Road,
Erdington, Birmingham 24.
November 8.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

Would new squat laws bring justice?

From Mr Hugo Charlton

Sir, Your leading article on squatting, "Property and theft" (November 5), suggested that to exclude homes and shops from the definition of theft was "an anomaly that defies logic and justice" and seemed to accept uncritically Michael Howard's populist pronouncements on the subject.

It is already a criminal offence to occupy a private home (Criminal Law Act, 1977), and similar rules could easily be applied to shops, but the treatment of unused land or houses is a separate matter, particularly empty council properties.

Your leader writer suggested that squatters jump the housing queues, but this is rarely the case as the properties are usually not up to standard, and if the council has a tenant the Criminal Law Act applies.

In fact there are thousands of empty council houses, but that does not justify your simple conclusion that "squatting is only obscuring the serious issue of inefficient housing management ... Putting a stop to it ... can only benefit the genuine homeless".

The really interesting legal point is that Mr Howard's proposal for an *ex parte* hearing, where the owner can obtain an order in the absence of the occupier, is directly contrary to a well-established principle of natural justice — that a party to a hearing should be able to attend. Mr Howard's remedy that they can attend another after they have been evicted and may have become *de facto* criminals does indeed defy logic and justice.

Yours sincerely,
HUGO CHARLTON,
5 Pump Court, Temple, EC4.
November 9.

From Mr J. W. Williams

Sir, One would have to think hard to imagine a more ludicrous justification for the proposed legislation to evict squatters than that put forward in your leader today. By throwing a few thousand more people onto the streets "the true equation between empty properties and housing need" will become clearer, will it? And then what?

The reason why squatting has become such an established phenomenon is precisely because the housing needs of so many desperate people have been ignored year after year. To justify this criminalisation by presenting squatters as queue-jumpers depriving the patient unhoused of their council houses is deceitful.

This government has presided over the division of our community into one in which the term "underclass" has come into common usage.

It is rather too easy to let that hapless yet convenient group take the strain and the blame; after all, if they don't have any money they can't be worth anything, can they?

Yours sincerely,
J. W. WILLIAMS,
2 Cherwell Cottage,
The Green, Freeland, Oxfordshire.
November 5.

Not to be forgot

From Mrs Daphne Troup

Sir, "Sadly there is nothing we swap so lightly as our own ancient traditions," writes Peter Millar ("Fawkes: no fairy tale", November 5), lamenting the substitution of the "alien pumpkin" for the Celtic turnip lanterns. Has Mr Millar ever tried to make an ancient Celtic turnip lantern? A morning's hacking with a small penknife and a sharp teaspoon produced nothing but a ragged, shallow indentation, rapidly browning.

These days, alas, hordes of heavily disguised, mini-extortionists besiege our doorsteps on bonfire night. Now that *is* an insidious "New World replacement" for our street-based penny-for-the-guy operators.

Yours faithfully,
DAPHNE TROUP,
47 Napier Road,
Hamworthy, Poole, Dorset.
November 5.

Wrong rectory

From Mr N. J. Moore

Sir, Canon Fuller (letter, November 5) should not assume, because Charles Kingsley was rector of Eversley at the time he wrote *The Water Babies*, that he wrote it at Eversley Rectory.

It has always been understood in my family that he wrote it while staying with his friend Walter Morrison at Malham Tarn House in the West Riding. The pen with which he wrote it has passed down through my family's possession, with a contemporary statement on the matter.

Yours faithfully,
N. J. MOORE,
The Callow, Walford,
Ross on Wye, Herefordshire.

Keeping score

From Dr T. David Binnie

Sir, "The New Zealanders delivered a shattering blow to Scottish rugby yesterday by running up a cricket score ..." (Sport, November 11).

Fortunately for the Borderers it was only an English cricket score.

Yours faithfully,
T. D. BINNIE,
54 Craiglea Drive, Edinburgh 14.
November 11.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 11: The Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia today visited Edinburgh and was received by Mr James Hastie (Deputy Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh).

His Majesty, Honorary Fellow, this morning visited the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and was received by the President (Professor Patrick Boulter).

After touring the College, escorted by the President, The Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia attended a Reception.

His Majesty afterwards visited the Palace of Holyroodhouse and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mr Norman Irons, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia was received with a Royal Salute and inspected a Guard of Honour found by the 1st Battalion The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment).

His Majesty was entertained at Luncheon by the Deputy Keeper (the Lord James Douglas-Hamilton MP).

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia this afternoon visited Edinburgh Castle and was received by the Governor (Major General Michael Scott, General Officer Commanding Scotland), where His Majesty laid a Wreath at the Shrine of the Scottish National War Memorial.

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia subsequently toured the "Honours of Scotland" Exhibition, escorted by Mr Graeme Munro (Director, Historic Scotland).

The Raja Permaisuri Agong of Malaysia this morning visited Hampton Court Palace and was received by the Lord Moore of Wolvercote.

Her Majesty toured the Palace and afterwards was entertained at Luncheon in The King's Banqueting House by the Lord and Lady Moore of Wolvercote.

His Excellency Mr Moshe Raviv was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the State of Israel to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy: Mr Gideon Meir (Minister Plenipotentiary), Brigadier General Azriel Nevo (Defence and Armed Forces Attaché), Mr Yaacov Hadas-Handelsman (Counsellor), Mr Matityahu Hacohen (Minister Counsellor, Consular Affairs), Mr Ram Aviram (Counsellor, Press), Mr Shmuel Micha (Counsellor, Administration), Mr Arthur Koll (Counsellor, Information) and Mr Amir Maimon (Second Secretary).

Mrs Raviv was also received by Her Majesty.

Sir David Gillmore (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Mr Justice Gage was received by The Queen upon his appointment as a Justice of the High Court when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Bachelor.

Admiral Sir Anthony Morton was received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as Vice Admiral of the United Kingdom.

Mr Patrick Brown (Permanent Secretary, Department of Transport) was received by Her Majesty.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were entertained by The Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia and The Raja Permaisuri Agong of Malaysia this evening at a Banquet at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, London W1.

Her Majesty was represented by Major General Michael Scott (Governor, Edinburgh Castle and General Officer Commanding Scotland) at a Service to Commemorate the Seventy Fifty Anniversary of the Signing of the Armistice in 1918 which was held at the Scottish National War Memorial, Edinburgh Castle, this morning.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, the Cambridge Foundation, this morning received Professor Sir David Williams, Sir Alastair Pilkington and Dr William Squire at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness, Patron and Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, later attended Receptions at St James's Palace for Young People who have reached the Gold Standard.

The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon gave a Luncheon and chaired a meeting of the trustees of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Buckingham Palace.

November 11: The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this afternoon attended a meeting at Buckingham Palace.

This evening His Royal Highness was entertained at a Banquet given by The Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia and The Raja Permaisuri Agong of Malaysia at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, London W1.

November 11: The Princess Royal this morning visited the National Horseracing Museum, High Street, Newmarket, and was received by Mr Robert Fellowes (Deputy Lieutenant of Suffolk).

Her Royal Highness, President, Animal Health Trust, afterwards attended a Council of Management Meeting and visited the Department of Infectious Diseases, Lanwades Hall, Kennett, Newmarket.

The Princess Royal, President, Riding for the Disabled Association, this afternoon opened the new manege at Hereward Group, Knights End Riding Centre, Knights End Road, March, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire (Mr James Crowden).

Her Royal Highness, Chancellor, this evening attended the Foundation Day of the University of London, Malet Street, London WC1. Lady Carew-Pole was in attendance.

The Princess Royal was represented by Mrs Timothy Holderness-Roddam at the Memorial Service for Lieutenant Colonel Frank Weldon which was held in the Church of St Michael and All Angels, Badminton, this morning.

CLARENCE HOUSE
November 11: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this morning at a Service in Westminster Abbey to mark the 75th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, and laid a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior.

Her Majesty subsequently planted a Cross of Remembrance in the Royal British Legion Field of Remembrance at St Margaret's Church, Westminster.

The Hon Mrs Rhodes, Major Sir Ralph Anstruther, Bt, and Captain the Hon Edward Dawson-Damer were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 11: The Princess of Wales today laid the Foundation Stone of the Master's Lodge, Forecourt Building, Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and was received by Mr Michael Marshall (Vice Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire).

Mr Patrick Jephson was in attendance.

This evening Her Royal Highness was entertained at a Banquet given by The Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia and The Raja Permaisuri Agong of Malaysia at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, London W1.

November 11: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were entertained this evening at a Banquet given by The Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia and The Raja Permaisuri Agong of Malaysia at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, London W1.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 11: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this afternoon addressed the BSCC at the Regent Hotel, Marylebone Road, London NW1.

Commander Roger Walker, RN was in attendance.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent this evening attended a Banquet given by The Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia and The Raja Permaisuri Agong of Malaysia at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, London W1.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
November 11: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy were entertained this evening at a Banquet given by The Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia and The Raja Permaisuri Agong of Malaysia at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, London W1.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T.R. Dowdeswell and Miss P. Forbes

The engagement is announced between Tim, elder son of the late Mr C.V.R. Dowdeswell and of Mrs D. Dowdeswell, OBE, and Penny, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs I.J. Forbes.

Mr M.P.A. Dunn and Señorita Z.S. Perez Almanzar

The engagement is announced between Martin, younger son of Major and Mrs Andrew Baxter Dunn, of Irthington, Cumbria, and Samanta, only daughter of Professor Rafael and Señora Josefina Villalba, of Santo Domingo, the Dominican Republic.

Mr J.P. Glaisher and Miss R.C. Butler

The engagement is announced between John, elder son of the late Mr J.D. Glaisher and of Mrs J.M. Glaisher, of Port Appin, Argyllshire, and Rachel, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs M.R. Butler, of East Knoyle, Wiltshire.

Mr R.H. Lyndon Morgan and Miss E.H.M. MacBean

The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Mr and Mrs John V. Lyndon Morgan, of Reigate, Surrey, and Elisabeth, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs I.J. MacBean, of King's Lynn, Norfolk.

Mr A. Walker and Miss R.E. Sutherland

The engagement is announced between Adam, son of Mrs Judith Walker and the late Roger Walker, of Witley, Surrey, and Ruth Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Sutherland, of Langham, Essex.

Mr R.M. Williams and Miss M.T. Levy

The engagement is announced between Richard Meredith, eldest son of the late Mr Tim Williams and of Carol Williams, of Steyning, West Sussex, and Melanie Tamsin, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Levy, of St John's Wood, London.

The Institute of Physics

At a meeting of Council of the Institute of Physics the following have been elected Fellows:

Dr Abu Adullah Ziauddin Ahmad, Bangladesh Space Research; Dr Desmond P Barber, DESY, Hamburg; Dr David R Brown, British Gas plc; Dr Ian C Callaghan, Consultant; Dr Ruth H Fenn, University of Portsmouth; Dr William D Hoff, UMIST; Dr Grenville A Jones, University of Salford; Dr James G Lunney, Trinity College, Dublin; Mrs Susan L Partridge, Institute of Physics; Dr Roger N Sinclair, AEA Technology; Dr Robert L Crocker, High Profile Ultrasonics Ltd; Dr John H Harding, AEA Technology; Professor Ibrahim Othman, Syrian Atomic Energy Commission; Dr David I Pearson, Alcatel-CIT, Annecy, France.

Thanksgiving service

J. Alan Cumming

A service of thanksgiving for the life of J. Alan Cumming, CBE, former Chief Executive of the Woolwich Building Society will be held at Southwark Cathedral, London Bridge, on Thursday, December 9, at 11am. Applications for tickets should be sent by November 30, to Mr David Blake, Head of Corporate Affairs, Woolwich Building Society, Watling Street, Bexleyheath, Kent, DA6 7RR (081 298 5504).

Distillers' Company

The following have been installed officers of the Distillers' Company for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr S.W. Morrison; Upper Warden, Mr Michael Druitt; Middle Warden, Mr Peter Hallgarten; Renter Warden, Mr Anthony Edwards.

JAMES MORGAN



The Raja Permaisuri Agong of Malaysia, who is on a state visit to Britain with her husband the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, is shown around Hampton Court Palace by the curator, Dr Simon Thurley, left, before lunching in the King's Banqueting House

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal will open the maternity wards and outpatient department at St Michael's Hospital, Bristol, at 11.20; will open the Bristol University new pre-clinical veterinary school at Southwell Street at 12.15; and will visit the School of Veterinary Science and the Equine Sports Medicine Centre at Stock Lane Farm, Langford, at 2.05.

The Duke of Kent, as chancellor, will visit Surrey University at 10.00; and will visit the North East Surrey College of Technology at Ewell at 2.30.

Birthdays today

Dame Peggy Fenner, MP, 71; Lord Goff of Chieveley, 67; Dr William Hayes, president, St John's College, Oxford, 63; Mr J.A.S. Ingamells, former director, The Wallace Collection, 59; Mr M.A. Lang, headmaster, Durham School, 54; Professor Christina Lyon, professor of law, 41; Sir Ronald Millar, playwright and screenwriter, 74; Miss Jennifer Page, chief executive, English Heritage, 49; Miss Lucia Popp, soprano, 54; Sir William Sutherland, chief constable, Lothian and Borders, 60; Prebendary Chad Varah, founder, The Samaritans, 82.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Dennis Smith, Team Vicar, Penkridge Team Ministry, w special responsibility for Acton Trussell: to be Vicar, Ketley and Oakengates (Lichfield).

The Rev Eric Tomlinson, incumbent, Ettingshall: to be Priest-in-charge, Longsdon, Horton and Rushton Spencer (Lichfield).

The Rev Malcolm Walkey, formerly Rector, Halesworth Team Ministry: to be Priest-in-charge, Laxfield, Wilby and Brundish (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

The Rev Canon Robert Warren, National Officer for Evangelism: to be also Canon Theologian of Sheffield Cathedral (Sheffield).

The Rev Robert Wilson, Vicar, Greenside: to be Priest-in-charge, Fatfield (Durham).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Canon Professor James Atkinson, Canon Theologian of Sheffield Cathedral (Sheffield): to resign as from December 31.

The Rev Maurice King, Vicar, St Philip and St James, New Bentley, Doncaster (Sheffield): to retire as from January 15 1994.

The Rev Donald Lugg, incumbent, Margate St Paul (Canterbury): to retire as from March 31 1994.

The Rev Canon Richard McDermid, Vicar, Christ Church, Harrogate, an Honorary Canon of Ripon Cathedral, and a Chaplain to HM the Queen: to retire as from July 10 1994.

The Rev Roy McGreevy, Vicar, Congleton St Stephen (Chester): to retire as from December 31.

The Rev Arthur Poulton, Priest-in-charge, Great Canfield, and Director of Studies of the Course in Christian Studies (Chelmsford): to retire as from January 8.

The Rev Canon Jean Semeonoff, Chaplain, Centre for Deaf People, parish of the Holy Spirit, Leicester (Leicester): to retire as from January 25 1994, and continue as Bishop's Adviser for Women's Ministry, same diocese.

The Rev Michael Semper, Vicar, Stoke-by-Nayland w Leavenheath (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich): to retire as from December 31.

The Rev Canon Robert Spencer, Vicar, Baddiley, Burleydam and Wrenbury (Chester): to retire as from November 25.

Latest wills

Sir Torquhil Alexander **Matheson of Matheson**, 6th Bart. of Lochalsh, of Frome, Somerset, Chief of the Clan Matheson, one of Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentleman at Arms since 1977 and Clerk of the Cheque and Adjutant since 1990, left estate valued at £499,525 net.

Service dinners

RN College Greenwich

Vice-Admiral Sir Michael Layard was the guest of honour at a dinner held last night at the Royal Naval College Greenwich, for Fleet Air Arm officers based in the London area, to mark the anniversary of the Battle of Taranto. Commander S. Bramley, RN, presided.

Levant Schooner Flotilla

The annual dinner of the Levant Schooner Flotilla was held last night at the Royal Thames Yacht Club to mark the 50th anniversary of the formation of the flotilla by Commander A.C. Seligman who presided.

The Light Dragoons

Colonel R.J.W. ffrench Blake, Colonel of The Light Dragoons, presided at the first dinner held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club.

Defence Research Agency

Officers of the Royal Navy serving at the Defence Research Agency Farnborough entertained members of the No 1 RAF Officers Mess at a dinner held last night at Farnborough to mark the anniversary of the Battle of Taranto. Commander G.M.J. Irvine, RN, presided. Captain D.J. Brice, RN, was the principal guest.

Fylde Officers' Association

The annual reunion dinner of the Fylde Officers' Association was held last night at the Savoy Hotel, Blackpool. Mr T. Hasty, chairman, presided. Major-General S.C. Grant, the High Sheriff of Lancashire, Captain C.M.J. Carson, RN, and Group Captain C.R. Cooper were the principal guests.

7th Middlesex Officers' Club

Mr Ian Robertson, Director of the National Army Museum, and Lieutenant-Colonel P.R.P. Swanson, The London Regiment, were the principal guests at the annual dinner of the 7th Middlesex Officers' Club held last night in the Officers' Mess, The London Regiment. Lieutenant-Colonel J.D. Gunnell presided.

Service luncheon

4th Indian Division

Viscount Montgomery of Alamein was the guest at the annual reunion luncheon of the 4th Indian Division (1939-1947) Officers' Association held last night at the Naval and Military Club. Major R.J. Henderson, chairman, presided.

Dinners

Gray's Inn

Sir John Vinelott, Treasurer of Gray's Inn, and the Masters of the Bench entertained at dinner in hall last night, it being Grand Day of Michaelmas Term. Among those present were:

Lord Wilberforce, Lord Bridges, Lord Dacre of Glanton, Lord Thomas of Swynnerton, Sir John May (treasurer, Inner Temple), Sir Thomas Eichelbaum, Sir Rex Richards, Sir Peter Strawson, Judge Kenneth Richardson, QC, (treasurer, Middle Temple, Mrs Michael Ward-Thomas, Canon Eric James, Mr David Machin (under-treasurer) and Mr Anthony Lush.

Defence and Security Forum

Lady Olga Maitland, MP, President of the Defence and Security Forum, presided at a dinner held last night at the Carlton Club. Mr Jeremy Hanley, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, was the guest speaker.

Burntwood House Cricket Club

The 30th anniversary of the Burntwood House Cricket Club was marked at the annual dinner held at Boodle's last night. The guest speaker was Mr Leo Cooper who was introduced by Mr Timothy Jaques. Mr John Service, Captain, was in the chair.

United Oxford and Cambridge University Club

The Hon Matthew Ridley was the principal speaker at a dinner of the United Oxford and Cambridge University Club held last night at the clubhouse. Mr Peter Benton, chairman of the function committee, presided.

Samuel Pepys Club

The Hon John Montagu, President of the Samuel Pepys Club, presided at the annual dinner held last night at Trinity House. Mr Richard Ollard and Mr Derek Stephen, chairman, also spoke.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Richard Baxter, Puritan minister, Rowton, Shropshire, 1615; Amelia Opie, novelist and poet, Norwich, 1769; Alexander Borodin, composer, St Petersburg, 1833; Auguste Rodin, sculptor, Paris, 1840; John William Strutt, 3rd Baron Rayleigh, physicist, Nobel laureate 1904, Maldon, Essex, 1842; Sun Yat-sen, Chinese revolutionary, President of China 1912, Canton, 1866; Grace Kelly, Princess Grace of Monaco, actress, Philadephia, 1929.

DEATHS: Canute the Great, King of England 1016-35 and of Denmark 1035, Shaftesbury, Dorset, 1035; Stephen Gardiner, bishop and statesman, London, 1555; Sir John Hawkins, naval commander, at sea, off Puerto Rico, 1595; Thomas Fairfax, 3rd Baron Fairfax of Cameron, C-in-C of the Parliamentary army, Nun Appleton, Yorkshire, 1671; Jean-Sylvain Bailly, astronomer, 1st Mayor of Paris 1789-91, executed, Paris, 1793; William Hayley, poet, Felpham, 1820; Charles Kemble, actor, London, 1854; Elizabeth Gaskell, novelist, near Alton, Hampshire, 1865; Percival Lowell, astronomer, Flagstaff, Arizona, 1916; Baroness Emmuska Orczy, novelist, London, 1947; Rudolf Friml, composer, Hollywood, 1972.

The bodies of Captain Robert Scott, E.A. Wilson and H.R. Bowers, who had perished on their journey from the South Pole, were discovered, 1912.

A salmon was caught in the Thames, the first for over 130 years, 1974.

Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy

The 315th annual general court of governors of the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy took place yesterday at Lambeth Palace. Rear Admiral D.W. Bazalgette, senior treasurer, was in the chair.

The following were elected treasurers for the year ensuing: Rear Admiral D.W. Bazalgette, Canon J. Robinson and Mr L.H.G. Trimm. The court of governors elected the Rev D. Burgess and Mr D.W. Brewer to be members of the court of assistants.

The court of governors received the retirement from the court of assistants of Mr H.C. Cottrell.

School news

West Hill Park

The Governors of West Hill Park have appointed Mr Edward Hudson, a housemaster at the Dragon School, Oxford to succeed Mr Michael Elmitt as Headmaster. Mr Hudson will take up his appointment at the beginning of the Summer Term 1994.

Lecture

Institution of Water and Environmental Management

Mr Kenneth F. Clarke, President of the Institution of Water and Environmental Management, delivered the last Balsom lecture to the institution last night at the Royal Society of Arts.

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Here is a saying you may trust: 'If we died with him, we shall live with him: if we endure we shall reign with him: if we disown him he will disown us.'
2 Timothy 2:11,12 (REB)

BIRTHS

ANDREWS - On 10th November, to Fiona and Matthew, a daughter, Jessie, a sister for Thomas.

BARNES - On November 10th in New York to Caroline (née Butler) and Simon, a son, Leo.

EDWARDS - On November 6th, to Susanne (née Herbert) and Paul, a handsome son Sam (Jason?).

FORSTER - On September 25th at the Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester, to Laurel and Nicholas (née Pryke) a daughter, Florine Grace Pryke.

FRANGAKIS - On November 8th at The Humana Hospital to Angela (née Veniselos) and Anthanassios, a beautiful daughter, Alexia, a sister for Antonia.

KIRK - On Saturday 6th November, in Madrid, to Melanie (née McDonough) and Manuel, a beautiful son, Alexander Manuel. God bless.

MENDENHALL - On 9th November at The Portland Hospital to Mary Elizabeth and William, a son Luke Aidan, a brother for Pierce.

MURCH - On 27th October to Fiona (née King) and Simon, a daughter, Rosalind Lesley Margaret.

PIGNATELLI - On 9th November to Mary-Rose (née Hanratty) and Sean, a daughter, Clara Fiona.

SURMAN - On October 27th at The Portland Hospital to Karen Connolly and Gregory Surman, a beautiful daughter, Caroline Marie.

WYLD - On 10th November, to Kate (Figes) and Christopher, a daughter.

DEATHS

BARLOW - Richard on November 10th 1993, at home. Cremation private. Memorial Service at St Michael's and All Angels, North Chapel, Sussex on November 22nd 1993 at 2.30 pm. No flowers, but donations to The Royal British Legion.

BOLT - On 11th November 1993, Peggy aged 66 years of Feniton, Devon. Beloved wife of David, much loved mother of Angela and Caroline. Funeral Service in the Feniton Parish Church on Tuesday 16th November at 12 noon, followed by interment.

BOWEN - On 30th October suddenly at sea, Thomas Bowen of Crescent Grove, Clapham. Requiem Mass at St. Mary's R.C. Church on Monday 15th November at 12.30 pm. Enquiries to Ashtons. Tel: 071-498 9065.

BRIDGE - On 4th November 1993, Nelson, aged 88 years, formally and happily of HM Destroyer, HMS Mendip (1943 Salerno Landings).

CAIGER-SMITH: Joyce, On 9th November 1993, peacefully at her home in Steep, aged 86. Funeral service at Steep Parish Church at 11am on Monday 15th November. Family flowers only. Donations to Alzheimer's Disease Association C/O Funeral Services Limited, 19 The Square, Petersfield, Hampshire.

CALDICOTT - On November 10th 1993 peacefully at his home in Torquay, Devon Derrick Hamilton formerly of The Eastern Press, beloved husband of the late Lucy. Funeral Service at Torquay Crematorium on Thursday November 18th at 12.30 pm. Enquiries to Torbay & District Funeral Service, Tel 0803 316006.

CLEAR - On 10th November 1993 peacefully, Jane Beattie (née Davidson). Loving and loved wife of Peter and Mother of John. Private cremation. Requiem and interment of ashes at St. Michael's Parish Church, Pen Selwood on Wednesday, November 17th at 2.30 pm. Enquiries to A.J. Wakely & Sons, 7a Silver Street, Lyme Regis. Tel: 0297 443835.

CROSBIE - At Crowborough on 10th November, aged 95, Dorothy (née Mattingly). Late of Cooden. Mourned by Michael and Ann, Virginia, Belinda and Rupert and her many friends. Details from Paul Bysouth. Tel: 0892 665000.

DENMAN - On November 6th 1993, peacefully at home in Hove, Constance Grace. To mourn too long for those we love is self-indulgent, but to honour their memory with a promise. To live a little better for having known them gives purpose to their life and some reason for their death.

FAIRMANN - On 10th November, Christopher aged 60 of Old Dalby, Leicestershire, much loved husband and friend of Angela and much loved father of Dominic, Giles, Rachel and Penny. Requiem Mass 1 pm Friday 19th November at St. Peter's R.C. Church, Melton Mowbray. No flowers, donations to Parkinsons Disease Society. J.W. Hazlewood and Son, Asfordby, Melton Mowbray. Tel: 0664 812233.

HURREN - Kenneth Alwyn, characteristically in style on November 10th. Deeply loved and missed by all family and friends. Private funeral, no flowers please but donations may be made to Cancer Research.

KELLY - On 5th November suddenly and unexpectedly at home, Professor Brian Thomas Kelly D.S.c., M.S.c., C.h.P., F.Inst. T. Loving father of Annette, Michael and Gareth. Much loved grandfather of Ben Thomas and Jack Richard and Godfather of Olivia. Sadly missed by all family and friends. Funeral Service on Wednesday November 17th at 11.15 am at Preston Crematorium. All enquiries to:- The Co-operative Funeral Service, 560 Blackpool Road, Ashton, Preston, Lancs. tel: (0772) 729057.

LEWIS - On November 9th at the Hospice of St. Francis, Berkhamsted, Herts. Dr. Patricia Mary Lewis (née Coldrick) of Berkhamsted, aged 66 years. Beloved wife of John, devoted Mother of Sara, Simon and Katharine. Funeral Service Wednesday, November 17th at Sunnyside Church at 11:30 am followed by cremation at Amersham Crematorium. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to the Hospice of St. Francis, c/o J. Worley (Funeral Directors) 344 High Street, Berkhamsted, HP4 1HT. Tel: (0442) 870326.

LIENHARDT - On Tuesday, 9th November, peacefully in hospital, Ronald Godfrey Lienhardt, aged 72, formerly Reader in Social Anthropology in the University of Oxford. There will be a Requiem Mass at 2.30 pm on Tuesday, 16th November, at St Aloysius Church, Woodstock Road, Oxford. Any enquiries to the College Secretary, Wolfson College, Oxford (0865-274103).

PARKER - Peacefully in hospital on 10th November 1993, Gilbert Parker F.R.C.S., beloved husband of Kay, father of Margaret and John, and a much loved grandpa. Funeral Service will take place at Linthorpe United Reformed Church, Middlesborough on Monday 15th November at 2.30 pm followed by cremation at the Chapel of St Hilda at Teesside Crematorium at 3.15 pm. Family flowers only please. If desired donations in lieu may be sent to Dr. Adrian Davies, Coronary Care Unit, South Cleveland Hospital, Middlesborough.

PEPLER - On November 10th peacefully at Blackfriars, Cambridge, Stephen (Conrad) in his 86th year. Devoted Priest and Brother of the English Province of the Order of Preachers. Requiem Mass at Our lady and The English Martyrs, Cambridge, on Tuesday November 16th at 11.30 am.

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ROBERTSON - On November 6th at Allenbrook Nursing Home, Fordingbridge, May, widow of D.C. Robertson, formerly of Burgh, Woodbridge, and much loved mother of Ian and Hamish and grandmother of her eight grandchildren. Funeral on Wednesday, 17th November at 2 pm at Bramshaw Church, burial on Thursday 18th November at 12 noon at Burgh Church.

ROBINSON - On November 10th, peacefully at home, in her 91st year, Marjorie née Winterton, wife of John Cuthbert, mother of Ann, Helena and Christopher, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at the Parish Church Minchinhampton on November 18th at 2.30 pm. No flowers please.

STRAFFORD - On 31st October 1993, Charles Edward Strafford MBE, in hospital at Caen, formerly one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools and a former member of 6 Airborne Division who has worked tirelessly in the interests of Airborne Forces and was a friend of all members and former members of Airborne Forces.

THOM - On November 10th 1993, at Cheviot Nursing Home Colchester, in her 98th year Evelyn Alice Thom (née Jeffrey) M.A. Oxon., J.P. Dear wife of the late Dr. Francis Macnaughton of Leicester, and on his death, of the late James Thom of Colchester, and much loved by her 5 surviving step-children and their children and grandchildren. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Shrub End, Colchester, on Friday November 19th at 11.45 am, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations to Save The Children, may be sent to W.H. Shepheard Funeral Directors, 93-94 High Street, Colchester CO1 1TH, and will be most gratefully received.

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WILLIAMSON JONES - On 8th November 1993 at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, Nessa Mary Mechthilde, beloved wife of Ralph, much loved mother of Virginia and loving grandmother of Julian, Toby, Venetia and Barnaby. R.I.P. Requiem Mass at St Laurence, Petersfield on Wednesday 17th November at 2 pm followed by burial at Warblington Cemetery, Emsworth. Family flowers only, but donations if wished to The Macmillan Service, Midhurst, West Sussex GU29 0BL.

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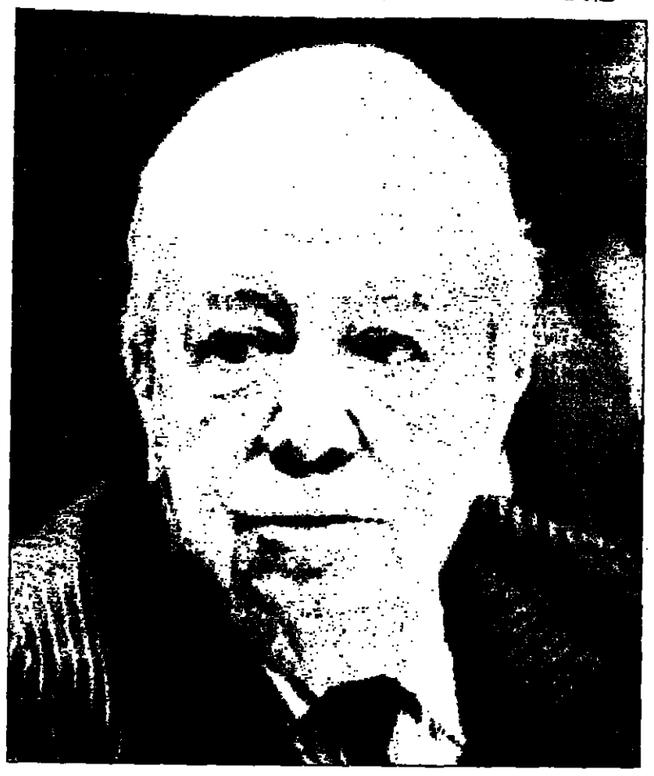
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OBITUARIES

YANNIS GEORGAKIS

Yannis Georgakis, Greek jurist, died on November 1 aged 78. He was born in Piraeus on October 22, 1915.



NINE weeks ago, Yannis Georgakis, whose erudition, wit and *savoir faire* often brought him to the forefront of public life in Greece, was accepted by all the country's political parties as non-partisan minister of the interior entrusted with the supervision of the general elections of October 10, which returned the socialists to power. He was, at the time, chairman of the board of the Hellenic Cultural Foundation, an agency he had set up in 1991 to counter waning Greek influence in world and regional affairs. Its aim was to promote Greek culture abroad, very much along the lines of the British Council.

From a surprisingly versatile spectrum of his lifetime activities, he will best be remembered as the guiding spirit of the Onassis international awards — the prizes modelled on the Nobel awards and just as lucrative. They were launched in 1980 to reward, annually, outstanding achievements for the preservation of human dignity and human rights, as well as the cultural heritage of peoples and the world environment.

Born in Piraeus, Yannis Georgakis showed great promise at a young age, enough to be able to join the Athens University's Law School at 15, and to graduate at 20. He pursued his studies at the universities of Munich, Heidelberg and Leipzig where he obtained his doctorate in criminal law in 1938. He taught there briefly until the outbreak of the second world war sent him back to Greece.

In 1942, while his homeland lay under German occupation, he was appointed to the provisional chair of penal law in the newly-founded Panteios Graduate School. He was still only 26 when Archbishop Damaskinos, the Orthodox Primate of Greece, chose him to be his legal adviser. His assignment turned out to be much more than just that.

He was a jurist who was perhaps better versed in German Law than the military officers who were sending Greek patriots to the gallows by the hundreds. He defended — without remuneration — some 2,500 of them before German courts martial. He told his friends in recent years that the most scarring wartime experience was when, at the request of a group of young Greek resistance fighters who were sentenced to death, he was present at their execution by firing squad.

He did not always lose his battles against the German occupiers. With the blessing of the archbishop and the help of Colonel Anghelos Evert, then chief of the Athens police, he helped several British officers and agents trapped in occupied Greece, to flee to the Middle East. Among them was Colonel Frank Macaskie, caught by the occupation forces after being parachuted into Greece, and twice condemned to death by courts martial. Georgakis hid him in the archbishop's palace, then arranged for him to be taken by Evert to the coast for a rendezvous with a British submarine. Macaskie became in 1947 the first correspondent of *The Times* in Greece after the war.

During the occupation, acting on the authority of the archbishop, he instructed all Orthodox priests in Greece not to oppose mixed marriages to Jews since this could save them from mass deportation. When Damaskinos, after the liberation of Greece, was named Regent, pending a referendum on the restoration of the monarchy, Georgakis became head of his political office. As such, he represented the provisional head of state at the Varkiza Conference in 1945. The conference sealed the short-lived truce between the government forces and the ELAS whose attempt to capture Athens had been thwarted by Winston Churchill.

In 1945 Georgakis was appointed under-secretary with a special mandate for the Ionian Islands. He later became the first governor-general of the Dodecanese Islands, an Italian possession ceded to Greece in 1947.

Extra-curricular activities naturally left him little time for an academic career which, nonetheless, spanned 34 years. So in the 1950s and 1960s he dedicated himself to the development of the Panteios School of Graduate Studies of which he was a founder. As Rector of the school for two terms, in 1963 and 1974, he contributed substantially to the raising of standards in this educational institution and its promotion to university status two years ago.

Early in 1964 he developed a close and personal friendship with Aristotle Onassis who had just bought the Greek national airline, renaming it Olympic Airways. A regular companion of Onassis's all-night "bouzouki" binges, Georgakis became the tycoon's mentor and close confidant. He shared, in the process, all the joys and sorrows of the Onassis family as, within two decades it was obliterated by successive tragedies of Homeric dimensions.

Georgakis became chairman of the board for Olympic Airways in 1965 and it was under his guidance that the airline gained the international prestige it enjoyed until Onassis, shortly before his death in 1975, sold it back to the state.

Many believe that it was Georgakis who induced the millionaire shipowner to dedicate one-half of his fortune to worthy public projects. Onassis's will set up a public foundation named after his son, Alexander, killed in an aircrash at the age of 24. It was this foundation that established in 1980 the Onassis international prizes. The terms of the will appointed Georgakis permanent secretary of the international committee which selects candidates for the awards Later, when Onassis's daughter, Christina, true to the tragic saga of her family, died in 1988 — probably by her own hand — Georgakis became chairman of the foundation, until his resignation three years ago.

In January 1989 he was elected a member of the Athens Academy and in a memorable inaugural address on the morality of criminal law, he made scathing references to the inadequacy of the evidence under which Andreas Papandreou, the then Greek prime minister, was being accused of corruption. The avalanche of accusations brought down the socialist government, but the charges have since been dismissed by the tribunals.

The episode reflected the probity of Georgakis's character, considering that while Papandreou's PASOK party had been in power he had often clashed with its populist attitudes and bureaucratic whims. On one occasion these interfered with the foundation's plan to build a modern heart surgery hospital in Athens costing £28m. When the socialists tried to force Georgakis to agree that the new hospital should come under the control of the largely-inefficient national health service, he cancelled the project, vowing that instead the foundation would build a cultural centre on the site.

The cultural centre was eventually built — but at New York University in the form of an "Onassis Centre for Greek Studies". After the PASOK government was reduced to offering a public apology, he rescinded the foundation's decision against building a Greek medical centre. The Onassis Cardiac Hospital, inaugurated earlier this year, is already in full operation.

Georgakis was never in any danger of being involved in such collisions with the right. Having been chairman of the national tourist authority in the days of the monarchy, he was appointed in 1974 — after the overthrow of the Colonels — ambassador-at-large to the Arab oil-producing countries. He was deprived of this post when Papandreou first came to office in 1981.

He is survived by a daughter, Chloe Obolensky.

SIR DEREK JAKEWAY

Sir Derek Jakeway, KCMG, OBE, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Fiji, 1964-68, died on November 6 aged 78. He was born on June 6, 1915.



DEREK JAKEWAY was appointed governor of Fiji at the early age of 48 and given the difficult job of preparing the colony for independence. Much of his time during his four-year term of office was spent trying to perfect a post-imperial constitution which would take account of the main racial divisions: an equal balance between Fijians and ethnic Indians.

He did not stay to see the first fruits of his labours. Two years before Fiji won its independence in 1970 Jakeway retired to this country aged 53. He had always counted himself fortunate, however, to have lasted so long and climbed so high, as the British Empire swiftly disappeared around him.

Born in Gloucester, where his father worked in the corn trade, Francis Derek Jakeway grew up mainly in and around Exeter where his family moved when he was only six. He went to Hele's School where he was head boy as well as captain of rugby and cricket. From there he won a scholarship to Exeter College, Oxford, to read history.

At Oxford he took up rowing and became captain of college boats. But he paid the penalty, perhaps, by having to settle for a second class degree instead of his expected first.

On leaving Oxford, he went into the Colonial Service and was dispatched in 1937 to Nigeria. Stationed mainly in the country's western region, he quickly won recognition for his ability. He and a young colleague who served together in one distant outpost were known at one time as the "babes in the wood". But Jakeway served also in Lagos as "clerk to the councils" — the secretary to the executive and legislative councils, a slot usually reserved for young highfliers.

Between 1946 and 1949 he was seconded to the Seychelles as, in effect, chief secretary to the governor — the number two job in the colonial administration. There followed two years in Whitehall, after which he returned to Nigeria. But independence for the West African colony was fast approaching and Jakeway, despite his steady advance, was in danger of finding himself without a job, at a time when the field for colonial administrators was rapidly shrinking.

By chance, however, a staffing problem in British Guiana, made more urgent by political disturbances in 1954, prompted Whitehall to draft in Jakeway as chief secretary. When Nigeria eventually became independent three years later, he was therefore gainfully employed in South America — where he stayed for a full posting of five years.

In 1959 he moved as chief secretary to Sarawak, where he was still based during the first year of confrontation with Indonesia over North Borneo, which threatened the existence of the newly established federation of Malaysia. Some 114 British and Commonwealth soldiers were killed and 180 wounded in the conflict between 1962 and 1966, in which the Indonesian threat was completely eliminated in a brilliantly fought jungle campaign. Jakeway left in 1963, however, to be knighted before taking up residence in Fiji the following year.

Retiring to Devon, Derek Jakeway was employed by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on a number of commissions and special assignments, some of which took him abroad. He also became chairman of the Devon Area Health Authority in 1974 and held the post until the authority disappeared in 1982.

He was an extremely fit and active man who had a prodigious appetite for walking. In Fiji he was known as the "walking governor" because of his habit of abandoning his official car. It was said of him in Exmouth, where he lived latterly, that he would climb a molehill if he found one. He also made full use of the governor's yacht while in Fiji, visiting the more distant parts of the archipelago. He took the trouble to visit Pitcairn island, once home of the mutineers from HMS *Bounty*, which fell officially under his aegis.

He married his wife Phyllis in 1941 following a whirlwind wartime romance. While on home leave from Nigeria, he met her in Exmouth where she was carrying out war work. They fell in love and were married before his leave was over — when he took his new bride back with him to Nigeria.

He is survived by her, with whom he celebrated their golden wedding two years ago, and by three sons.

SIR HAROLD HIMSWORTH

Sir Harold Himsworth, KCB, FRS, former Secretary of the Medical Research Council, died on November 1 aged 88. He was born in Huddersfield on May 19, 1905.

HAROLD HIMSWORTH was able to distinguish himself as both a medical researcher, author and as an administrator. At the age of only 34 he was appointed as Professor of Medicine at University College Medical School where he concentrated on the field of metabolic diseases and nutritional disorders. The end of the war found him keen to press forward with organisational reforms in the University of London. He was willing to sacrifice what would have been a satisfying career as a teacher to become an administrator.

In 1949 he succeeded Sir Edward Mellanby as secretary of the Medical Research Council and it proved a happy choice. As secretary he effectively acted as chief executive, as the other members of the council changed every four years. His wisdom in providing the necessary leadership was widely recognised, and the development of scientific research was a subject upon which he wrote influentially.

To his colleagues, Himsworth was a firm and reliable guide. He won respect for his knowledge of the nuances of medical science as well as the personalities involved. He was aware of the issues confronting each of the university medical schools in this country as well as the progress of academic developments, fostered by the MRC, in several former colonies: he was particularly interested in the effects of malnutrition in the tropics.

Among the racehorses of medical and biological science he had a sure instinct for the selection of winners from among the institutes directly under the MRC. Nobel prizes and fellowships of the Royal Society came in abundance to council staff and Himsworth himself basked in their reflected glory. The review of the council in 1963, its jubilee year, noted its achievements and there is little doubt that much of the credit lay with Himsworth. He also formulated a policy for sustaining standards of research in the NHS by linking its clinical research to the MRC.

Harold Percival Himsworth was educated at King James Grammar School, Almondbury. He then went to University College, London, where he won medals in his MBBS in



1928 and his MD in 1930. He then became first assistant to Professor T. R. Elliott, FRS, in 1930. As holder of the Beit Memorial Fellowship his early studies were concerned with diabetes, but during the war he expanded his interest into the field of liver disease and its possible relationship to diet. Throughout his professional life he had an intense interest in dietetic influences on health, both in the Third World and at home.

Like anyone else in a position of leadership, Himsworth could not escape criticism. While it was remarkable that so much was achieved by the MRC on what, in his day, was a very modest budget of about £10m, many felt that by asking for more he could have reduced the "brain drain".

He created research groups, financed by the MRC directly, which was a help in the considerable problem of funding new research in the Fifties, when universities had to plan quinquennial budgets. He was always at pains to to maintain high standards and some saw him as concentrating on excellence rather than on the immediate needs of actual treatment. He did encourage scientific method at the bedside through his brainchild, the MRC Clinical Research Centre at Northwick Park, where scientists have been able successfully to concentrate on problems emerging from the bedside study of the sick.

Times have changed since Himsworth's tenure of the MRC and it is doubtful whether his élitism would have survived the influences of the consumer contract principle.

Always known as Harry, he received an abundance of honours and honorary degrees, being appointed KCB in 1952 and elected FRS in 1955. He was proud of being Prime Warden of the Goldsmiths Company in 1974-76. After retiring from the MRC in 1968, he became chairman of London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine until 1976.

Himsworth found the peace he needed for contemplation in a happy and calm domestic life. He never had a car, except during the war, when University College Hospital was evacuated to Watford. During his research career at his alma mater, he always walked to work across Regent's Park and his holidays were spent fishing and walking, often in Scotland.

His wife Charlotte died in 1988 after more than fifty years of marriage. He is survived by his two sons.

ANTHONY BUCKLEY

Anthony Buckley, royal photographer, died on November 6 aged 81. He was born in London on June 24, 1912.



ANTHONY BUCKLEY was first commissioned to photograph the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh in 1960 when he took the official portraits for the forthcoming royal tour of India. Unsmiling, dignified and in full regalia with medals and Order of the Garter, the Queen presented the very opposite of the image then being advocated by Buckley's friend, Antony Armstrong-Jones, who felt that royals should be snapped informally with children and dogs.

But with Buckley, then 48 and an established Mayfair photographer, the Queen was deliberately choosing one of the old school of cameramen. He took around a hundred pictures — an unusually high percentage of which were chosen for release — with a 60-year old plate camera, one of the oldest working machines in the business.

As with his antiquated equipment, so Buckley's career had modest beginnings — his first job had been taking Polyfotos in Selfridges during the 1930s. His father came from a wealthy manufacturing family and lived the life of a country gentleman at his homes in Woking, Surrey, and at Galtee Castle in Clogheen, County Tipperary.

Anthony Harold Buckley was educated at Observatory House, Westgate-on-Sea, before contracting tuberculosis. He recuperated and finished his schooling in Gibraltar with private tutors, then turned to photography. His first models were his mother — an ex-Gaiety Girl — and his sister. This led on to the stint at Selfridges and before the war broke out Buckley was able to set up his own studio for portrait photography in the West End.

After wartime service in the Royal Artillery, Buckley moved his offices to Bond Street and later Grosvenor Street in the 1960s. His clients mainly consisted of actors — Evelyn Laye was a regular customer as were Judi Dench, Vivien Leigh, Laurence Olivier, Ian Carmichael and Gladys Cooper — but he also did photocalls for most of the big shows in town. "I aim to make people look a little better than they are, but I don't flatter them" he said of his candid, if conventionally posed, portraits.

Buckley became friendly with Antony Armstrong-Jones, later Lord Snowdon, and it was no surprise when his name was put forward for a royal sitting. His photographs of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, both for the Indian and subsequent trips abroad, were criticised at the time for being overly formal and starchy. Buckley duly defended himself in the press. "Local mayors and so on want the stylised, regal picture to hang on the wall," he said. He also took photographs of the Queen for use on stamps in Australia, Canada, the Bahamas and Granada.

In 1991 he was interviewed for the television series, *Royal Appointment*, on the subject of the royal warrant which he was granted in 1963. He retired 15 years ago, eventually moving out to Surrey with his companion of 35 years, Kenneth Hughes, but was pleased to return to Buckingham Palace whenever asked.

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THE ARMISTICE SIGNED

The Prime Minister issued the following announcement yesterday morning :—

The Armistice was signed at 5 a.m. this morning, and hostilities are to cease on all fronts at 11 a.m. to-day.

AT WESTMINSTER.

"This is no time for words," said the PRIME MINISTER, in a voice broken with emotion, after he had read the terms of the armistice to the House of Commons to-day. "Our hearts are too full of gratitude, to which no tongue can give adequate expression." And the House straightaway proceeded to St. Margaret's Church to give humble and reverent thanks to Almighty God.

Nothing in the war so became the House of Commons as its demeanour on the day of assured triumph. There was no note of exultation in the cheers that welled up from the great heart of the assembly. There was the joy of thanksgiving, and with it an overmastering sense of compassion which made the sitting almost a solemn act of consecration. It was eloquent of the spirit of the new time, that the clause in the armistice which drew the deepest and most sustained cheer from the House was not any, even the most stringent, for the exaction of territorial and material safeguards, but that which provided for the immediate repatriation of all Allied prisoners of war.

The House had grave business set for its decision, no less than a Vote of Credit for hundreds of millions sterling, but it instinctively put this and every other routine question on one side. No sooner had prayers been said than the Prime Minister entered the Chamber. Instantly the whole House was on its feet, and the cheering at the proudest moment of his career was a tribute of a kind rarely heard within the walls of St. Stephen's. Mr. Asquith and the ex-Ministers who sat with him on the Front Bench opposite joined cordially in this spontaneous outburst, and Mr. Lloyd George's present colleagues acclaimed their chief with all the fervour of personal affection.

"Thus has come to an end," the PRIME MINISTER impressively declared, "the cruellest and most terrible war that has ever scourged mankind." His devout hope that all wars had come to an end this fateful morning was echoed by MR. ASQUITH with a full heart. The statesman who was at the head of the British Government when the great struggle began now rose to express his satisfaction with the fact that the armistice had made it impossible for the war to be resumed.

Nothing more was said, and the House gratefully accepted the Prime Minister's suggestion that all should at once proceed to St. Margaret's to give thanks for the deliverance of the world from its great peril. A procession was formed, with the Speaker at its head, and the Prime Minister and Mr. Asquith immediately following, and the Commons slowly filed out through St. Stephen's Hall across the crowded road and into the venerable edifice to which through centuries it has repaired at great moments in the nation's history. The House of Lords followed in procession, with the Lord Chancellor at their head ...

ON THIS DAY

November 12 1918

Armistice Day ended what many senior citizens still think of as the Great War. At 11am on the 11th day (before Remembrance Sunday was instituted) a silence enveloped the whole country for two minutes as it remembered the "lost generation".

NEWS

Channel rail link delayed again

■ Another delay in building the high-speed rail link between the Channel tunnel and London means the first trains are unlikely to run before 2002 — and the latest setback prompted fears last night that the line might never be built at all.

With the tunnel due to open to passengers next year, vital decisions have yet to be made on how the rail line from Folkestone to London will be funded. John MacGregor said yesterday that the final route would be published in January, but he would not say how much money the government was prepared to put into the project .....Page 1

Clinton ban angers Adams

■ Gerry Adams, Sinn Fein president, reacted angrily to President Clinton's refusal to grant him an American visa on the ground that he was a leading IRA strategist ..... Pages 1, 2

The fly's a lie

The discovery that one of the Natural History Museum's prize specimens is a fake means that the history of the fly will have to be rewritten .....Page 1

Shop lottery

The £2 billion National Lottery will be played via computers in shops which process tickets in a matter of seconds. Smaller cash sums will be paid out by shopowners, but the £1 million jackpot will be handed over in televised ceremonies .....Pages 1, 27

Rules for editors

Newspaper editors could face dismissal for breaching the industry's code of conduct under rules to be proposed by the Press Complaints Commission .....Page 2

Laura dies

Laura Davies lost her fight for life and "joined the angels in heaven" when her parents Fran and Les took the decision to allow her life-saving ventilator to be switched off ..... Pages 1, 3

Millions at risk

In a devastatingly bleak warning about the effects of war and the onset of winter, America said that the lives of more than four million people were at risk in the former Yugoslavia ..... Page 17

Pope injured

The Pope, who is 73, suffered a fractured shoulder joint and a dislocated shoulder when he tripped and fell during a Vatican audience, the Holy See said in a statement ..... Page 16

Church beggars

The Church of England has been living beyond its means for many years, Dr George Carey, Archbishop of Canterbury, told the general synod ..... Page 12

Missiles shared

Iran and Syria are reported to be co-operating over the development of a cruise missile and some of the technology is coming from Europe and Japan ..... Page 15

Assertive Kohl

Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, renewing his pledge of Germany's support for European political union, attacked his critics within the Bonn government's coalition ..... Page 16

Patten says 'No'

John Patten, the education secretary, refused demands for government regulation of outdoor activity centres in the wake of the Lyme Bay canoeing accident in which four Plymouth sixth-formers died .....Page 7

Hope from lasers

A laser gun used to create tiny holes in the heart has begun trials in Britain as a new treatment for coronary disease. If successful, it could change the approach to one of Britain's commonest fatal diseases ..... Page 9

Rail disruption

A minor train crash outside Leeds station in which five people were slightly injured caused widespread disruption for thousands of passengers across northern England .....Page 11

Dylan's people battle on

■ Forty years after the death of Dylan Thomas, the Welsh seaside village from which he drew inspiration is ready to go it alone in its battle with property developers. People in Oystermouth, just outside the poet's home city of Swansea, have been fighting a £5 million scheme for the past six years. They claim it would ruin their seafront .....Page 12



ADRIAN BROOKS

Donald Hodge, 98, from Sussex, a first world war veteran, remembering old comrades in Tyne Cot cemetery, Ypres, yesterday. Page 1

BUSINESS

Electricity: The regional electricity companies have lost more than £172 million in their retail operations since privatisation. The scale of the losses were disclosed after investigations by Offer, the industry regulator ..... Page 25

Lloyd's: Michael Deeny, chairman of the 3,000-member Gooda Walker Action Group, told its annual meeting that he expected the fight for compensation would be through the courts ..... Page 25

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index rose 1.2 to close at 3099.7. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 80.4 to 80.6 reflecting gains from $1.4745 to $1.4790 and DM2.4949 to DM2.4973 ..... Page 28

SPORT

Tennis: Spectator involvement is among the matters to be discussed at an open forum to be staged by the Association of Tennis Professionals before the World Championship in Frankfurt ..... Page 48

Snooker: One of the most acrimonious rivalries in sport will be renewed when Dennis Taylor and Alex Higgins meet in the first round of the Royal Liver Assurance United Kingdom Championship in Preston ..... Page 48

Coe's plea: Sebastian Coe urged the government to start direct funding of elite competitors, saying that otherwise Britain would fall further behind other countries in Olympic sports ..... Page 46

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Today's technology: Four pages of news, information and jobs from the world of information technology, starting on ..... Page 23

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Hadrian's wall: In the new West End musical, *Eurovision*, the gay love of the Emperor Hadrian in ancient Rome is linked, somehow, with the Eurovision Song Contest. "I decided I must be reviewing the after-effects of my flu," says Benedict Nightingale .....Page 38

Briers' new sitcom: "The cleverest and most daring thing I have seen in ages," says Lynne Truss, of the new Richard Briers sitcom, *If you see God, tell him* .....Page 37

Pop on Friday: *David Bowie: The Singles Collection* charts the career of the slender singer through 37 three-minute wonders; plus Caitlin Moran on the road with Teenage Fanclub .....Page 39

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Eric Cantona may not receive as severe a punishment as was first feared when Uefa, the European football body, announces its verdict Page 48



Dawn French teaches the snooty pin-striped John Cleese character a thing or two about figures in a remake of one of Cleese's training films Page 29



James Brady, who gave his name to the gun-control Brady bill, which passed in the House of Representatives by 49 votes Page 14

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Warehouse Hamlet

■ Has Alan Cumming got the makings of a great Prince of Denmark? Benedict Nightingale gives his verdict on the new Donmar Warehouse production

Christmas wrapped up

■ For stress-free, armchair gift-hunting, the Weekend section offers its large and varied selection of mail-order catalogue buys

Dishing up the prizes

■ Also in Weekend, the results of *The Times*/Baron Philippe de Rothschild Cook of the Year 1993 competition.

TV LISTINGS

The fortunes of McLaren during the 1993 Formula One season are followed in a seven-part motor racing documentary, *The Team* (BBC2, 9.30pm) .....Page 47

OPINION

Power partners

In spite of the charge that the government does not care about the inner cities, its urban policy has been too urban. Without co-operation between public and private sector in deprived areas, aid from Whitehall will amount to little more than a short-term national dole .....Page 21

Playing for time

Does London have too many symphony orchestras? That is the view of the Arts Council. But it must initiate a public debate before wielding the axe ..... Page 21

Castles in cold air

The loss last year by Euro-Disney of £614 million is twice as large as analysts expected. To survive, the magic kingdom may have to become a French national treasure. Pass the magic wand ..... Page 21

COLUMNS

BERNARD LEVIN

The poor devils of Hunan province in China will have to put up with a nine-yard Mao towering over them and blotting out the light for half the day, but how can we explain the rush of people *in free countries* yearning to throw themselves beneath the wheels of the juggernaut? ..... Page 20

DAVID PANNICK

The black defendant in a criminal case will not, nowadays, be faced by conscious racial prejudice. But ignorance of fundamental aspects of the lives of ethnic minorities, such as the importance of a dowry or wearing a turban, may still undermine the confidence of the witness or defendant, so racial awareness training is to be welcomed ..... Page 20

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How stricter laws on squatting could affect homelessness . Page 21

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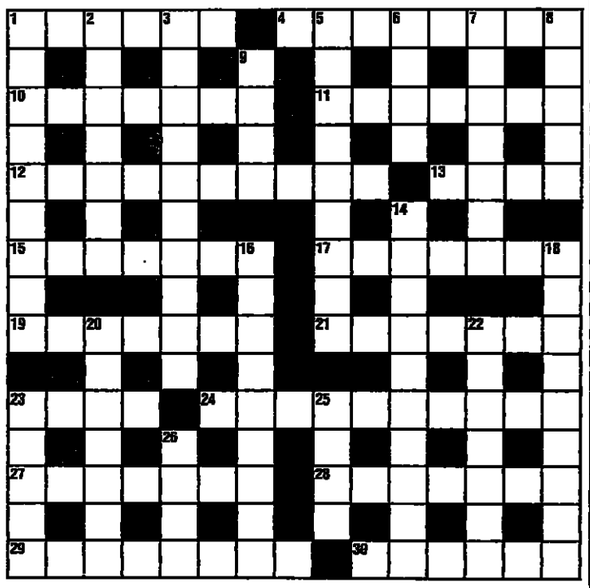
Bill Clinton's presidency has never been so on track as it is with its fight for Nafta. Al Gore's run through Ross Perot has stoked up the engine nicely

— The Wall Street Journal

Why anyone even listens any more to the quick-sale handgun hustlers who keep lobbying to weaken the Brady bill is hard to grasp

— The Washington Post

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,386



ACROSS

1 Champion horseman? (6)
4 Not informed, I admit, about denial (8)
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12 Sailors' craft — a misshapen tramp (10)
13 Clean city (4)
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17 Cut from hazel, a stick that's springy (7)
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2 One pair of players unlikely to settle in (7)
3 Hardy men do not usually become successful (4,3,3)
5 In the gallery, actor's words convey piety (9)
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9 The responsibility is ours (4)
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16 Colour never set in the wrong way (4,5)
18 Make up a story, right in the middle, to show a mutual connection (9)
20 Have I done the business? I represent a tinker (7)
22 One joining in song and one in wine (7)
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ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; lg=log; s=sun, sl=sleet, sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	17	63	f	Majorca	20	68	s
Alicatnt	22	72	f	Malaga	19	66	f
Alex'dria	23	73	f	Malta	21	70	s
Algiers	23	73	s	Melb'rne	22	72	s
Amst'dm	9	48	r	Mexico C*	16	61	c
Athens	15	59	c	Miami*	28	82	c
Bahrain	27	81	s	Milan	9	48	lg
Barbados*	29	84	f	Montreal*	5	41	s
Barcelona	16	61	f	Moscow	-10	14	s
Beirut	23	73	f	Munich	10	50	f
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Cairo	26	79	f	Perth	22	72	f
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Cologne	8	46	c	Rio de J	26	79	f
C'phagn	4	39	r	Riyadh	32	90	s
Corfu	19	66	s	Rome	19	66	s
Dublin	7	45	c	Salzburg	13	55	s
Dubrovnik	17	63	s	S F'risco*	15	59	c
Faro	24	75	s	Santiago*	25	77	s
Florence	12	54	c	S Paulo*	23	73	c
Frankfurt	10	50	f	Seoul	20	68	s
Funchal	19	66	c	Sing'por	29	84	f
Geneva	9	48	r	St'kholm	2	36	c
Gibraltar	18	64	f	Strasb'rg	8	46	f
Helsinki	-3	27	s	Sydney	19	66	f
Hong K	27	81	s	Tangier	18	64	c
Innsbrck	12	54	f	Tel Aviv	23	73	f
Istanbul	8	46	f	Tenerife	20	68	f
Jeddah	32	90	s	Tokyo	13	55	r
Jo'burg*	25	77	s	Toronto*	7	45	f
Karachi	35	95	s	Tunis	21	70	s
L Palmas	21	70	c	Valencia	17	63	s
Le Tquet	11	52	f	Vanc'ver*	8	46	s
Lisbon	16	61	s	Venice	13	55	c
Locarno	10	50	c	Vienna	9	48	s
L.Angels*	19	66	f	Warsaw	3	37	c
Luxembg	7	45	f	Wash'ton*	13	55	f
Luxor	33	91	s	Wel'ngton	17	63	c
Madrid	13	55	f	Zurich	8	46	r

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 11C (52F); min 6pm to 6am, 5C (41F). Humidity: 6pm, 65 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 6.2hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,019.3 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Central London, Shoeburyness, Essex, Penzance, 13C (55F). Lowest day max, Tulloch Bridge, Highland, 4C (39F); highest rainfall: Shanklin, Isle of Wight, 0.82in, highest sunshine: Plymouth, Devon, 7.4hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 8C (46F); min 6pm to 6am, 2C (36F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.18in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 2.4hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 9C (48F); min 6pm to 6am, -2C (28F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 5.4hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	8.2	-	7	45	sunny
Anglesey	5.1	-	11	52	sunny
Aviemore	3.6	-	6	43	sunny
Belfast	3.8	-	8	46	sunny
Birmingham	-	0.31	8	46	rain
Bognor Regis	1.3	0.47	11	52	cloudy
Bournemouth	2.0	0.42	12	54	bright
Bristol	2.7	0.37	11	52	rain
Buxton	-	0.46	7	45	rain
Cardiff	4.4	0.66	11	52	rain
Clacton	0.2	0.13	11	52	rain
Cromer	-	0.64	11	52	rain
Edinburgh	2.1	-	6	43	fog
Eskdalemuir	6.4	-	8	46	sunny
Exmouth	7.0	0.09	11	52	sunny
Falmouth	4.0	0.41	12	54	bright
Folkestone	1.0	0.69	11	52	rain
Glasgow	0.5	-	4	39	fog
Guernsey	1.7	0.60	13	55	bright
Hastings	1.1	0.57	11	52	rain
Isle of Man	0.8	-	10	50	cloudy
Jersey	0.6	0.78	12	54	shower
Kinloss	2.5	-	8	46	bright
Leeds	-	0.07	9	48	rain
Lerwick	4.7	0.02	9	48	sunny
Littlehampton	0.9	0.44	12	54	rain
Liverpool	5.4	0.03	9	48	sunny
London	1.0	0.31	13	55	rain
Lowestoft	-	0.51	11	52	rain
Manchester	0.2	0.07	9	48	rain
Morecambe	6.7	0.07	10	50	sunny
Newcastle	3.1	-	9	48	sunny
Nottingham	-	0.08	8	46	drizzle
Penzance	5.5	0.39	13	55	sunny
Plymouth	7.4	0.28	12	54	sunny
Saunton Strd	2.5	0.12	11	52	sunny
Scilly Isles	4.5	0.07	12	54	sunny
Shanklin	1.3	0.82	11	52	cloudy
Southend	0.3	0.42	13	55	shower
Southsea	0.8	0.37	12	54	cloudy
Stornoway	3.2	0.01	10	50	shower
Swanage	3.0	0.46	11	52	bright
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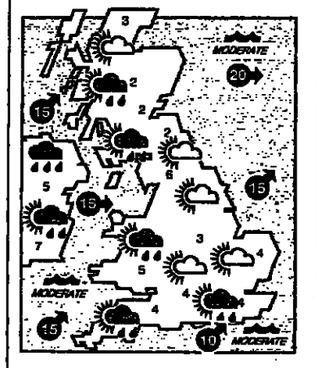
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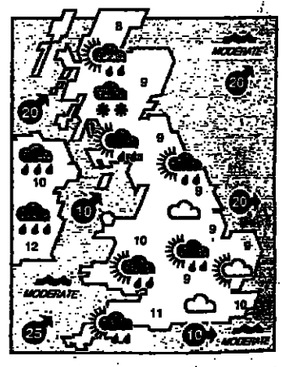
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Australia $	2.35	2.15
Austria Sch	18.51	17.01
Belgium Fr	56.55	52.15
Canada $	2.048	1.888
Cyprus Cypt	0.783	0.733
Denmark Kr	10.54	9.74
Finland Mkk	9.21	8.41
France Fr	9.14	8.44
Germany Dm	2.64	2.43
Greece Dr	375.00	350.00
Hong Kong $	12.09	11.09
Ireland Pt	1.10	1.02
Italy Lire	2525.00	2374.00
Japan Yen	175.50	158.00
Malta Mkt	0.615	0.560
Netherlands Gld	2.945	2.715
Norway Kr	11.45	10.65
Portugal Esc	286.50	248.00
South Africa Rd	5.70	4.80
Spain Pta	207.50	193.50
Sweden Kr	12.71	11.91
Switzerland Fr	2.33	2.15
Turkey Lira	20500	19500
USA $	1.578	1.448

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

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PM



LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 4.46 pm to 6.43 am
Bristol 4.56 pm to 6.53 am
Edinburgh 4.41 pm to 7.13 am
Manchester 4.47 pm to 6.59 am
Penzance 5.12 pm to 7.00 am

Sun rises: 7.13 am
Sun sets: 4.16 pm
Moon sets: 5.18 am
Moon rises: 3.12 pm

New Moon tomorrow

Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday c. cloud, f. fair; r. rain; s. sun

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Belfast	6	43	f	Guernsey	10	50	r
B'rmgham	9	48	f	Inverness	7	45	s
Blackpool	9	48	f	Jersey	12	54	f
Bristol	10	50	s	London	9	48	f
Cardiff	11	52	s	M'nchstor	7	45	f
Edinburgh	7	45	s	Newcastle	7	45	f
Glasgow	8	46	s	P'ntdsway	8	46	s

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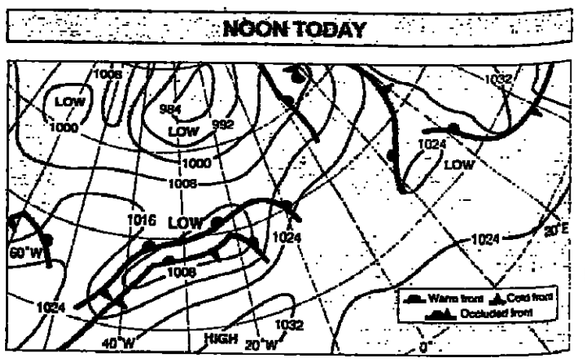
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Aberdeen	11.40	4.3	11.54	4.5	Lowestoft	7.15	2.6	8.03	2.4
Avonmouth	5.20	12.7	6.44	13.1	Margate	9.55	4.8	10.37	4.5
Belfast	9.10	3.4	9.25	3.7	Milford Haven	4.19	6.6	4.41	7.1
Cardiff	5.05	11.7	5.29	12.1	Newquay	3.13	6.8	3.34	7.1
Devonport	3.58	5.3	4.16	5.5	Oban	4.09	3.8	4.19	4.1
Dover	9.05	6.6	9.29	6.6	Penzance	2.59	5.4	3.18	5.6
Falmouth	3.26	5.1	3.46	5.3	Portland	4.55	2.1	5.12	2.1
Glasgow	11.23	4.8	11.22	4.9	Portsmouth	9.32	4.8	9.53	4.9
Harwich	9.52	3.9	10.31	4.0	Shoreham	8.14	6.3	8.41	6.5
Holyhead	8.29	5.5	8.47	5.8	Southampton	9.03	4.6	9.25	4.8
Hull	4.10	7.3	4.51	7.4	Swansea	4.06	9.2	4.49	9.6
Ilfracombe	4.00	8.9	4.26	9.2	Tees	1.30	5.3	2.05	5.4
King's Lynn	4.22	6.4	5.03	6.6	W'ton-on-Nze	9.48	4.1	10.24	4.3
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New SE chief starts with a warning

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

MICHAEL Lawrence, the new chief executive of the Stock Exchange, told his colleagues yesterday that if the exchange did not do its job properly, then it would have no future.

Mr Lawrence, finance director of the Prudential Corporation, the UK's biggest insurer, starts his new job at the beginning of February.

The Stock Exchange had been looking for a new head since the resignation of Peter Rawlins in March after the decision to abandon the Taurus share settlements system.

Mr Lawrence, 50, will be taking a cut from his £240,000 basic salary, with a bonus of up to 30 per cent and share options with Prudential.

He said that he was unwilling to comment on the handling of Taurus and whether the exchange should have a role in share settlements services. He added: "I am going to the exchange with an open mind about most things. I do not want to get sucked into instant positions on possible decisions that might be made once I arrive."

He said he was approached four weeks ago by Heidrick & Struggles, a headhunter, and that he was interested in the job because "I love to deal with change".

The Prudential has been through a period of change since he joined, as the directors returned the business to its core activities, pulling out



Lawrence: "open mind"

of estate agency, UK commercial insurance and overseas general insurance business.

Mr Lawrence said: "The exchange has gone through substantial change since Big Bang. It is no longer the professional institution of brokers. It no longer has a monopoly, but there is a real role for a central market place in order to provide participants in the market place with certain things."

He said it could provide an overview of what was going on and ensure that the market was fair to all users, including market-makers, companies, and institutional investors.

Prudential is to recruit a new finance director externally.

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Stanley Kalms, chairman of Dixons, has had his allegations of unfair competition from the electricity companies turned down by the OFT

Electricity companies lose £172m on stores

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

■ Shareholders will be told in annual reports the size of any losses on retail operations. But the regulator ruled that the RECs were not abusing their licence

THE regional electricity companies have made losses of more than £172 million in their retail operations since privatisation three years ago.

The companies were forced to reveal the scale of these losses following investigations by Offer, the electricity industry regulator, and the Office of Fair Trading. The enquiries were prompted by complaints put forward by Dixons last December that it faced unfair competition from the RECs, which were using profits from their regulated core businesses to cross-subsidise their loss-making retail activities.

While Professor Stephen Littlechild, director-general of Offer, stopped short of accusing the RECs of cross-subsidising their high street showrooms, he called for the companies to publish the accounts of their retail businesses separately in their annual reports so that shareholders could see the size of any losses and make a more informed assessment.

Professor Littlechild concluded that the losses are not an abuse of the RECs' licences because they are at the expense of shareholders rather than consumers. "Electricity prices and profits are not higher as a result of retail losses than they otherwise would have been." He added: "Whether it is commercially sensible to incur such losses is a matter for shareholders."

Mark Souhami, deputy chairman of Dixons, said Offer's findings were "a total vindication" of the group's views. "The RECs are losing even more money than we thought they were, and the director general has now drawn this to the attention of shareholders. I think we will see shareholders doing something about it."

His views were echoed by some analysts. Nicholas Pink, of Warburgs, believes there will be fewer RECs in electric retailing within the next two to three years — a move which he thinks would be welcomed by investors. South Wales and London have got out of the business while others, such as Eastern and Southern, have merged their high street operations to cut costs.

Shares in the electricity sector rose yesterday on hopes that Offer's report would encourage more companies to pull out of retailing. Dixons' shares slipped 2p to 283p.

Professor Littlechild also found evidence that some RECs were using customers' energy bill payment records to assess credit worthiness for appliance sales in their high street showrooms without consent. He said that this may be in breach of Section 57 of the Electricity Act.

Despite the size of the retail losses, Sir Bryan Carsberg, director-general of the OFT, rejected Dixons' allegations of unfair competition and said no formal action would be taken. Sir Bryan said: "I accept, on the basis of Offer's investigation, that the RECs' retailing activities are loss-making; but I have concluded that no REC is significant enough to command market power. It is most unlikely that any REC could contemplate a strategy aimed at ousting from the market such well-established competitors as Dixons and then recouping its losses out of higher retail prices."

The RECs hold just over 14 per cent of the electricals market — 2 per cent higher than pre-privatisation — while Dixons, whose chairman is Stanley Kalms, has 17 per cent.

However, he voiced his support for greater clarity of the performance of the retail businesses in the RECs' published accounts in order to "give shareholders the information they need to exert control in this area".

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Another bad day for Euro Disney

BY PATRICIA TEHAN AND PHILIP ROBINSON

EURO Disney shares lost 15.6 per cent of their value yesterday, plummeting 68p to 368p in trading on the London stock market. The fall came after Wednesday's announcement that the theme park had made a Fr5.3 billion net loss in the year to end-September and is in dire need of extra finance.

The shares had fallen 70p on Wednesday after the announcement that the finances must be restructured by the spring if the park is to survive.

Traders of distressed debt on the secondary debt market also marked down the value of Euro Disney's debt, to about 70 per cent of its par value. It had been trading in the high 70s earlier in the week. Euro Disney's net debts at the end of September were Fr20.3 billion, compared with Fr18.6 billion a year ago.

Despite the Euro Disney problems, Walt Disney, which owns 49 per cent of shares, said yesterday it is continuing its US expansion with a 185-acre theme park planned for a small village in Virginia to celebrate what it describes as American history, culture and life.

There will be a 150-room hotel and Disney says it will attract 30,000 visitors a day. Building would take three years and start in 1995.

While Euro Disney shares plunged yesterday, shareholders of Walt Disney in America are feeling no pain at all from the crisis in its European operations. The shares held steady at $41.125 on Wall Street, just $5 off this year's high, benefiting from a 19 per cent rise in the May dividend.

New York analysts say the French banks will be forced to swap some of their debt into equity to avoid carrying it on their books as non-performing loans in the run up to the French government's ambitious privatisation programme.

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Pearson yesterday revealed terms of the demerger of Royal Doulton, which will be floated off by the media group next month
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Roy Ashman, former chairman of Harland Simon Group, was cleared of duping investors into buying shares
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Volvo plans cash call if Renault merger fails

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

VOLVO, the Swedish car and truck maker, has drawn up a "go-it-alone" strategy, involving a 5 billion kronor (£416 million) rights issue, in case shareholder resistance forces it to abort its planned merger with Renault, the state-owned French automotive group.

The fall-back option of a capital injection, which would be used primarily to refinance Volvo's car division, the weak side of its automotive operations, is understood to have been well received in discreet sampling by Volvo of shareholder opinion.

Hans Rehnström, a Volvo spokesman, said yesterday that the company had prepared the rights issue as part of an alternative, if the Renault deal failed. "We have to safeguard ourselves against every eventuality. It is no secret that we need a capital injection," he said.

Sören Gyll, the Volvo chief executive, fuelled doubts about the Renault-Volvo merger with remarks on Swedish television, suggesting that he backed renegotiation of the September's merger pact.

Mr Rehnström said Mr Gyll's remarks had been misinterpreted as signalling Volvo's desire to renegotiate. "There was no thought of renegotiation," he said.

Louis Schweitzer, the Renault chairman, has ruled out any chance of the merger, supposed to take effect in January, being renegotiated.

Oflot raises the curtain on National Lottery

BY MELVYN MARCKUS, CITY EDITOR

PETER Davis, director-general of the National Lottery, raised the curtain on the UK's much vaunted £2 billion to £4 billion flutter yesterday with news that the licence to operate the lottery, expected to be awarded next May, will run for a little less than seven years.

Mr Davis insisted that applicants will be "seriously vetted" to ensure they are "fit and proper" to run the UK lottery which he was confident would be "among the most successful in the world". He let it be known that "other government departments and agencies" were likely to be called upon to assist in the vetting procedure. His remarks accompanied the Office of the National Lottery's publication of outline tender conditions — a draft "Invitation to Apply" — together with a draft of the proposed licence.

Final tender documents will be published in mid-December and potential operators, who will be expected to submit their plans for national coverage and a launch date for the lottery, must make their bids by mid-February.

Mr Davis said system security and propriety would be "of the greatest importance". He also stressed that he would have wide ranging access to "inspect and regulate" the lottery operation. The key proposals are:

☐ The principal licence will run until March 31, 2001.

☐ Applicants will be expected to show a "decreasing percentage of turnover spent on administration costs" as turnover increases, thus "maximising the proportion of turnover" to be distributed to good causes.

☐ Applicants will be required to draw up a "customer's charter" including performance standards for customer services.

☐ A share of proceeds from television rights, and other ancillary merchandising, will be returned to good causes.

Mr Davis, who is "seeking comments" on the draft proposals by the end of November, declared: "Applicants will have to provide information on their structure and organisation, with sound integrated business plans based upon market research."

Various consortia who intend to bid for the licence, such as Camelot, The Great British Lottery Company and NM Rothschild, were still studying the government's guidelines last night. Disappointment was expressed by certain contenders that the licence period was not longer in view of projected capital expenditure on the project of between £200 million and £250 million.

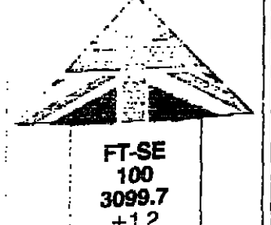
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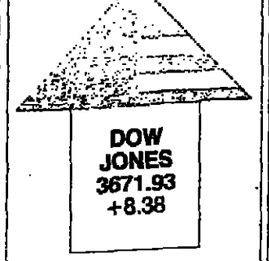
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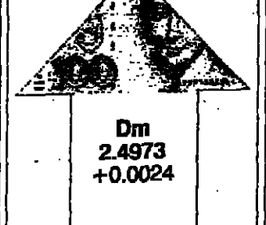
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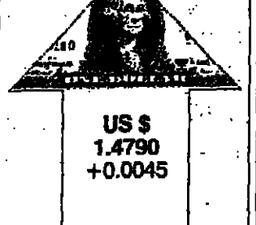




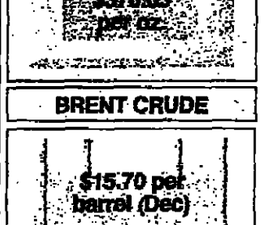
Midday trading figure

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LONDON CLOSING PRICES

Civil engineers forecast falling workload

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

CIVIL engineering companies forecast a sharp decline in their workload in the latest industrial survey, which further underlines the fragility of Britain's economic recovery.

The latest findings from the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors are in line with the range of recent large-scale industrial surveys, which all suggest that industry is far from fully emerging from recession and that the state of the recovery is more tentative, both in terms of its strength and its extent, than government ministers would like to see.

Civil engineering leaders will today call on Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor to do nothing in the Budget that will impede recovery, based on the results of the survey, which indicates both that the industry remains in recession and any rate of improvement is not accelerating.

The survey, covering companies with work totalling about £4 billion, in an industry that accounts for a quarter of all construction output, shows what the federation calls a "definite dip" in companies' expectations of forthcoming new orders. The balance of companies expecting orders to fall — those forecasting a rise against those expecting a fall — has increased from 16 to 29 per cent.

The findings showed considerable variation by both region and size of firm, with larger companies doing a little better, smaller companies holding their own and middle-sized companies "experiencing a rough time", the federation said.

While civil engineering companies in London and the South East have seen the largest relative declines in business during the recession, firms in these areas are now giving the clearest signals of improvement. The federation said that many companies in the region had been encouraged by approval for the extension of London's Jubilee Line finally being given, even though several key contracts have gone to foreign firms.

Two out of three companies across the country are reporting lower margins, and the number of companies reporting rising costs has slipped back. John Hackett, the federation's director-general, said: "Our message to the Chancellor from this survey is absolutely clear. The civil engineering industry as a whole is still in recession, but here and there we can see signs of recovery. We urge Mr Clarke to introduce a Budget that keeps up investment in Britain's infrastructure, and thereby assists recovery in civil engineering workload and jobs."

☐ Britain's trade with other EC countries is either holding up — or improving, according to a survey from the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce. After polling 1,000 of its members that export to the EC, it found trade is up this year on 1992 with seven of Britain's EC partners and holding steady with others.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

VSEL talks continue on sale of closed yard sites

VSEL, the Trident submarine builder, says talks with a prospective buyer of the shipbuilding areas of the Birkenhead Yard on the River Mersey, which was closed in July, are continuing. VSEL adds that it will be several months before the board knows whether the government's current defence expenditure review will require changes to the group's overall plans.

VSEL is, meanwhile, following up naval and land opportunities in a number of export markets, Lord Chalfont, chairman, adds. On a turnover of £233.2 million (£234 million), the group earned pre-tax profits of £28.8 million (£25.9 million) in the six months to September 30, of which the net interest element was £4.1 million (£7 million). The dividend rises from 9p to 10.5p a share. Lord Chalfont says results for the second half should be at least at the level achieved in the first half, and says he remains encouraged by prospects for the group's next financial year. **Tempus, page 29**

Ruberoid priced at 150p

SHARES in Ruberoid, the roofing group being floated off by Tarmac, have been priced at a lower-than-expected 150p each, valuing the company at £72 million, in a move by its advisers to ensure the sale goes smoothly. The offer price puts the group on a deep discount to existing building material and contracting groups on the stock market, which should ensure strong demand from both institutions and retail investors in the combined placing and offer for sale. Ruberoid forecasts it will make a £7 million profit this year, compared with a £6.6 million loss in 1992. **Tempus, page 29**

Bank of Ireland ahead

BANK of Ireland reported improved earnings for the six months to the end of September, helped by a turnround in its British branch network. Pre-tax profits almost doubled to Ir£131 million (£124.8 million) from Ir£65.8 million in the previous year and earnings improved 130 per cent to 15.2p a share. Total assets rose 7 per cent to Ir£16.8 billion. An interim dividend of 3.75p a share was declared, up 20 per cent. Bank of Ireland's branches in Britain made Ir£1 million, against a loss of Ir£5.7 million last time. The bank has British assets of Ir£3.5 billion.

Maddox seeks injection

MADDOX Group, the computer-leasing company, has asked shareholders for a life-saving cash injection after plunging into the red by £18.9 million before tax in the six months to June 30. Hugo Biermann, who has resigned as chairman "to pursue other business interests", formed Maddox in 1992 with City support. Interim losses were dominated by provisions of £15.7 million against an investment in Lantek Instruments. Maddox proposes an underwritten £3.9 million rights issue of seven new shares for every eight held at 1p each. The shares fell from 3p to 1¾p.

Orders surge at Oxford

SHARES of Oxford Instruments, the advanced instrumentation company, rose 7p to 295p on a healthy rise in interim profits and a continued recovery in orders. Pre-tax profits for the six months to 26 September rose 19 per cent to £5.1 million, helped by the lower value of sterling and reduced losses in its Plasma Technology operation. Turnover advanced 8 per cent to £48.6 million. The interim dividend rises 7 per cent to 1.5p and earnings per share 12 per cent to 6.6p. Peter Williams, chairman and chief executive, said orders were up 10 per cent from the start of the year.

Parcel group's shares fall



SHARES in Business Post Group, the UK's biggest independent parcel and mail express company, which was floated in July, fell 22p to 113p, against the 120p placing price, in spite of a 14.9 per cent rise in maiden interim profits. It reported pre-tax profits ahead to £2.19 million in the six months to end-September. Peter Kane, right, chairman, said the second half of the year had started well. Maiden interim dividend is 1.2p, against a notional 0.97p.

Waddington moves up

JOHN Waddington, the printing, packaging and board games group, increased interim profits to £9 million from £7.8 million, helped by a 59 per cent rise in the contribution from its American food services business, and strong growth in cartons. Turnover grew to £118.2 million (£108 million). Earnings were 8.13p a share (up from 7p) and the interim dividend is 3.8p a share (3.6p). The company said it remained cautious about prospects for the UK economy but was confident about its own outlook this year. It continues to seek opportunities to expand in America. Its shares fell 9p to 248p.

Names set to fight Lloyd's in the courts

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Deeny, chairman of the 3,000-member strong Gooda Walker Action Group, told its annual meeting that he expected the battle for compensation would be fought through the courts because he had little faith in the impending Lloyd's settlement offer.

During his 40-minute speech, Mr Deeny spoke of the progress of Lloyd's attempt to reach a negotiated settlement offer to loss-making names by the end of the month. He said that the errors and commissions insurers, which provided cover for the members' agents, "are only offering about £300 million," a level he said was "unacceptable".

However, he said after three hours of talks with the Lloyd's financial panel last week, "I believe we managed to convince the majority of the panel that the E&O insurers exposure was in excess of £1 billion and possibly considerably more".

As a result of this meeting Peter Middleton, Lloyd's chief executive, and David Rowland, Lloyd's chairman, are "making a renewed effort to extract further funds from the E&O insurers". Mr Deeny said. However, he stressed there was no concrete offer, which would include a contribution from Lloyd's, on the table, but that there was a "very small possibility" that the E&O insurers would raise their offer to £400 million, while Lloyd's could stump up £600 million.

He was addressing more than 400 names at the action group's annual meeting at the Grosvenor House Hotel in London. Mr Deeny said: "There is very little chance of settlement this year. When there is a settlement, and it will be a very different kind of settlement, it will be the end of next year, after our case has been heard." He said he was aware that "many of our names do not want to settle at any price", though it was unlikely that there would be a settlement even worth considering. But if there was, then the offer would be put to the vote at a special meeting.

The action group represents 3,063 Lloyd's names taking legal action against 71 members' agents to recover £553 million of insurance losses, incurred from the notorious LMX spiral. The case is due in court next April.

Mr Deeny warned members that Lloyd's may attempt to "bounce us into an agreement" by trying to convince names that this is the only hope of a settlement.

One ruined name said any settlement with the corporation would be a compromise, but the action group's chances of success in the courts was "almost guaranteed". The name added: "I believe that the Gooda Walker names are not in the business of compromise and would say: no compromise, no deal, we will see you in court."

Mr Deeny also told names that next year action would be taken against Littlejohn Fraser, the auditor, as a result of the non-disclosure of time and distance policies, which flattered the syndicates' results.

☐ In contrast to the recent lacklustre demand for shares in two of the new Lloyd's limited liability investment trusts, London Insurance Market Investment Trust's share offer to raise £280 million was oversubscribed. Institutions snapped up the bulk of the offer with the public taking £12.8 million.

Burton shares drop despite profit



Richard North, left, finance director, with John Hoerner, chief executive

THE City registered its disappointment with the pace of recovery at Burton by marking the shares down by 14 per cent yesterday despite a return to profit by the fashion retailer.

Burton shares fell 10.75p to close at 66¼p yesterday after the group announced pre-tax profits of £18.5 million for the year to August 28, against a loss of £800,000 last time. However, analysts were disappointed by the low contribution from the group's multiple chains, which include Dorothy Perkins, Burtons and Top Shop.

A final dividend of 1p brings the total to 2p, unchanged on last year.

Total retail profits from ongoing businesses rose by 72 per cent from £37.8 million to £65 million. Much of the rise was due to a strong performance from the Debenhams department stores, which increased profits from £31.7 million to £57.7 million. The multiples lifted profits by £1.2 million to £7.3 million on sales of more than £1 billion.

Mr Hoerner said new formats currently being rolled out across the group's 1,700 stores have produced sales increases of about 10 per cent. A third of the estate will be refurbished in the current year with the remainder completed in the following two years.

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Northumbrian Water pulling out of Amtec

BY CARL MORTISHED

NORTHUMBRIAN Water is pulling out of Amtec, its underground pipe surveying business. The water company has decided to close or sell the loss-making subsidiary, which uses robot technology to maintain pipelines, because its main customers, the water industry, are delaying capital expenditure in the run-up to the Ofwat periodic review.

The £9 million provision for Amtec caused interim pre-tax profits at Northumbrian to fall from £39.2 million to £22.6 million after a rise in the operating return from £34 million to £39 million. Northumbrian made an overall loss from non-core operations in the six months to September 30 of £400,000 compared with a profit of £3.4 million in the previous year. Operating profits in the core water and sewerage business rose from £30.5 million to £39.2 million. Earnings per share fell from 56.7p to 30.3p but the dividend is up from 7.5p to 8.1p.

David Cranston, chief executive, expected capital expenditure to rise to between £150 million and £200 million in the five years to 2000.

BAe in talks with Saab to back Gripen fighter

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Aerospace is discussing a possible development and marketing deal with Saab-Scania for the trouble-hit new Swedish fighter. Two prototypes have crashed, one into Stockholm harbour.

The multi-purpose JAS 39 Gripen has so far cost Sweden about £1.7 billion. It would fill a gap in BAe's model range between Hawk and the politically embattled Euro-fighter. Saab holds 65 per cent of JAS, the Gripen builder. Volvo's aero-engine arm and Ericsson are big stakeholders.

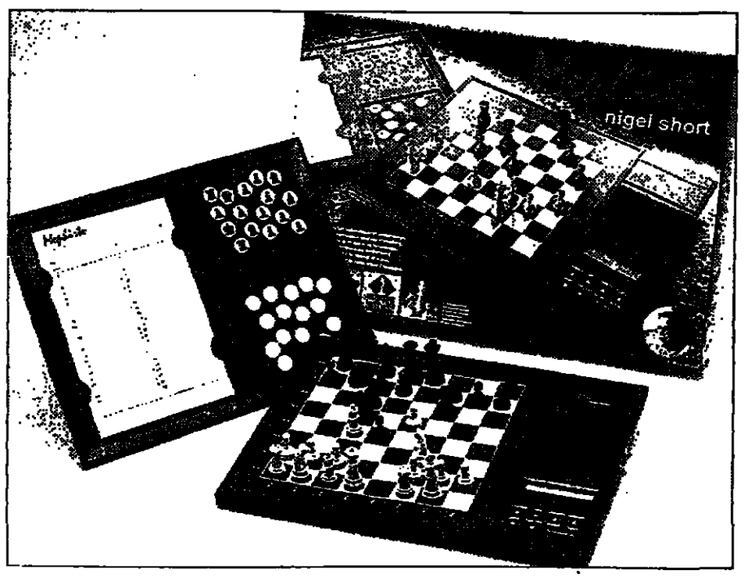
BAe has an agreement with Saab to provide Gripen wings, but co-operation being discussed would go further, BAe said. The report said BAe intends to become a full partner in the Gripen, seen as crucial to the survival of Sweden's military aircraft potential.

Jan Almgren, a spokesman for Saab's military aircraft arm, rejected any suggestion that the Gripen project was in difficulty. Saab had agreed with BAe to "investigate possibilities of future co-operation". Talks were also in progress with Dassault of France and Northrop of America.

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Harland Simon ex-chief cleared

BY A CORRESPONDENT

ROY Ashman, 64, former chairman of Harland Simon Group, walked free yesterday after he was cleared of duping investors into buying shares.

He had been accused of leading two fund managers into believing that the electronic controls company's pre-tax profits would be £13 million to £14 million when he knew they would be less than half that figure.

At the end of a five-day trial at Aylesbury Crown Court, Mr Ashman, of The Chowns, Harpenden, Herts, was aquitted of making a misleading statement contrary to section 47 of the Financial Services Act 1986.

After a meeting with Mr Ashman on February 10 last year, Nigel Savage and Marc Gordon bought 155,000 HSG shares worth almost £1 million, hours before a revised forecast sent the share price from 585p to 270p. The two men, who managed the investment portfolio of Govett Strategic Investment, claimed Mr Ashman had misled them.

Mr Ashman denied that he knew at the time that his firm's projected pre-tax profits could be as low as £4.1 million. He also denied that he had passed on any information about profits, claiming that Savage was "getting around to questions he should not have been asking" about anticipated year-end returns.

Mr Ashman was instrumental in the buy-out of Harland Simon in 1980 and turned the company from break-even then to pre-tax profits of £10.3 million in 1991.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

APPLEBY W'WARD (Int)
Pre-tax: £730,000 (£1m)
EPS: 8.5p (11.9p)
Div: 3.2p (3.2p)
Turnover fell to £38.2m from £41.55m. Following agreement with Watson & Philip, company is servicing further 100 stores

CHANNEL HOLDINGS (Int)
Pre-tax: £808,000
EPS: 1.9p (1.3p)
Div: 0.5p (nil)
Previous interim profit was £191,000. Cash generation will remain strong and further progress expected in second half

MOLYNEUX EST (Fin)
Pre-tax: £2.53m loss
EPS: 11.24p loss
Div: 1p (nil)
Previous loss was £1.1 million, with a deficit of 3.07p a share. Net assets stated at 62.75p a share

WARNER HOWARD (Int)
Pre-tax: £3.22m (£3m)
EPS: 9.11p (8.59p)
Div: 2.27p (2.12p)
Turnover fell to £10.7 million from £11.23 million. Trading conditions remain difficult, with no improvement seen in second half

WILSHAW (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.36m
EPS: 1.05p (0.60p)
Div: 0.2p (0.15p)
Previous interim profit was £809,000. Turnover rose to £17.96 million from £15.3 million. Gearing eased to 49.4% (57.8%)

PENNA (Int)
Pre-tax: £118,000 loss
EPS: 2p loss
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☐ National flutter is no licence to print money ☐ An offer shareholders cannot refuse ☐ Steering a shrinking exchange

Swatting the lottery fly-by-nights

☐ IF THE government's intention, by way of the publication of two National Lottery tomes yesterday, was too swat any fly-by-night operators early on in the bidding procedure, then it can take comfort that, in all probability, it has manifestly succeeded.

Peter Davis, Director General of the National Lottery, confessed (sensibly enough) yesterday that he had "no idea" how many licence applications he will receive — come the bidding deadline of mid-February. The snap reaction from the private sector last night — as advisers attempted to analyse Oflot's 108-page "Draft Invitation to Apply" — was that not a few potential consortium members might, in view of the government's stern guidelines, choose to fold their tents.

It is no secret that various consortia, such as Camelot and the Great British Lottery Company, favoured a ten-year licence (they would, wouldn't they?). Five years, so the lobbying went, would not permit the leeway for a reasonable return on a capital spend estimated at anything up to £250 million. In the event, Oflot has opted for "approximately seven years" — to March 31, 2001 — on the assumption that the licence is granted in May/June 1994. Oflot, eager to see funds flowing to "good causes" as swiftly as possible, still harbours hopes of a 1994 autumn launch but, what Davis is likely to hear from several consortia, is that attempting to gatecrash the retail community during the run up to Christmas may prove no easy task. All of which indicates a possible launch date run-over to early 1995 with the money spinning span of the licence cut to significantly nearer six years than seven.

Davis insisted yesterday that "much thought" had gone into the time span of the licence and added that he was "confident" that the six-seven year time-frame would not deter "serious bidders". That said, back in the cosy confines of the Abbey National (where the director general has retained his post of deputy chairman) it is quite conceivable that Davis has been somewhat shielded from the commercial perspectives of such serious personages as GEC's Lord Weinstock. GEC and Thorn-EMI are contemplating the formation of a consortium in conjunction with the Tote — depending on the government's guidelines. It will be interesting to see whether this duo — the antithesis of fly-by-night enterprises — choose to press ahead.

Strict vetting procedures (beware white suits carrying violin cases) are promised by Davis, with a little bit of help from various government departments and "regulatory organisations overseas".

Regulations to protect the consumer — including a ban on lottery ticket sales to the under-16s and a three consecutive game limit on the rollover of unwon prizes — are much as expected, as is the government's decision not to publish details of individual tenders.

All of which leaves potential operators to dwell on the licence span and the sliding take on turnover — anticipated but not necessarily welcomed.

Rewiring a faulty plug

☐ THERE is a comfortingly statesmanlike quality about the electricity regulator's report on the retail businesses of the electricity companies. His message is that if a company chooses to prop up unregulated businesses, that is a matter for its managers and shareholders. In other words, why need Offer get embroiled in such



fine arguments over the margins of competition when the capital market can sort it out? That looks a good judgment. By raising the issue of the loss-making showrooms and exposing the extent of their losses, Stanley Kalms of Dixons has surely done a good turn to shareholders in the regional utilities.

Judging by the reaction on the Stock Exchange, where the utilities' shares were randomly marked up and Dixons was marked down, big investors have certainly taken notice. Whether they were relieved that no action was forced on the companies or, as the more intelligent analysts would like to think, rubbing their hands at the losses red-faced managers would now be forced to remove, is far from clear. After all, shares in companies that have signalled their exit from retail, or are already merging and restructuring their operations with their neighbours, went up just as much as the unreconstructed.

Evidently, there are mental adjustments to be made. The retail chains may be separate and non-regulated, but they are still to some extent seen as marketing arms for a variety of services. And the electricity industry as a whole still sees appliance sales as an important way of promoting electricity demand, as it always has. Looking further ahead, the showrooms might also be seen as some protection when other companies are free to sell electricity through their wires to households, as they surely eventually will.

Meanwhile, performance looks strikingly poor, illustrating that the showrooms have not been managed efficiently as retail operations. In 1992-3, they collectively lost £10 million on operations and £47 million after post-privatisation restructuring charges. This puts the performance of Dixons, which has 17 per cent of the market compared with 14 per cent collectively controlled by the RECs, in a strikingly good light.

Whatever the OFT may say, the RECs' retailing behaviour looks like unfair competition, since they have high market shares locally. The saving grace for the likes of Dixons and Kingfisher is that the competition has evidently proved ineffective. Smaller firms might have a better complaint: their demise in large numbers during the recession probably accounts for the two-point increase in the RECs' market share.

New head for the incredible hulk

COULD change and exchange be too onomatopoeic for the London Stock Exchange's good? Peter Rawlins was recruited to be chief executive as an expert in the management of change and information technology, because the worthies in the Throgmorton Street tower were anxious that they might not be able to control Taurus. The result is history. Former Price Waterhouse partner Michael Lawrence, the next incumbent, is likewise an expert in change. His recent track record is, however, more in restructuring: rethinking National Bus and helping take the hard decisions needed to shrink the Prudential back to its core.

The exchange he will move into already looks like the City's most incredibly shrinking hulk. Regulation of member firms was ceded to what is now the Securities and Futures Authority under the Financial Services Act. The physical market quickly disappeared after Big Bang. When the exchange became more business-like under Mr Rawlins and his chairman, Sir Andrew Hugh Smith, individual members were shuffled off into the Securities Institute and promotion of share ownership to ProShare. After the Taurus debacle, Sir Hugh handed the future of electronic settlement over to the Bank of England.

More recently, Sir Hugh has resurrected the essential truth that the exchange and its members are there to make money and that if City regulation is to move up several notches, the exchange would sooner the Securities and Investments Board, or someone else, take on the role of central City policeman. Once the bureaucracy is slimmed further and the tower itself is sold to the demolition men, you might not think there will be much left for Mr Lawrence and Sir Hugh's own successor to rationalise.

Pearson lays the way for china group

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

SHAREHOLDERS in Pearson will receive one Royal Doulton share for every ten shares held when the fine china maker is demerged from its media-to-banking parent.

Under the proposed demerger, Royal Doulton will be floated as part of its parent's strategy to focus on media and entertainment. Approval is needed from Pearson shareholders at an extraordinary meeting on December 1. Dealing in Royal Doulton is due to start on December 2. The City expects the group to be valued between £110 million and £140 million.

Royal Doulton's annual sales amounted to £201 million last year, with more than 50 per cent exports and an operating margin of 10.9 per cent. But sales were only maintained at the expense of margins.

Royal Doulton's sales rose 4 per cent in the first six months of 1993 to £96.7 million, but the group suffered a pre-tax loss of £3.8 million, not helped by an absurd exceptional charge of £2 million passed on by Pearson and relating to the *Financial Post*, the Canadian newspaper that has nothing to do with Royal Doulton. The company forecasts a pro forma dividend of 6.6p for 1993. Shareholders will receive a final payout of 3p for 1993, if they hold on to their Royal Doulton shares until April 21 next year.

Royal Doulton hopes to see a profit recovery next year. Stuart Lyons, chief executive, said Britain and America are seeing a modest recovery, but Canada, Germany and Japan are still in recession.

Gearing on a pro forma basis amounts to 37.9 per cent, but borrowing is traditionally higher in the first ten months of the year as the group builds up to the important Christmas period. Peter Walley, Royal Doulton's finance director, expects year-end gearing to be no higher than 25 per cent.

Pearson, whose interests span the *Financial Times* to Madame Tussaud's and a 50 per cent stake in Lazard Brothers, reported a jump in third quarter pre-tax profits to £100.6 million (£61.7 million). It made £46.3 million in the first half.

Pearson shares advanced 16p to 574p.

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Stuart Lyons, of Royal Doulton, yesterday

Shell shares suffer on chemical losses

BY CARL MORTISHED

SHARES in Shell Transport, the UK arm of the Anglo-Dutch oil company, fell 18p to 704p yesterday on concern over continuing losses in its world-wide chemicals business and disappointment over the extent of the improvement in downstream refining and marketing margins.

Current cost earnings for the three months to end-September rose 8 per cent to £861 million, helped by sterling's depreciation against the dollar. Exploration and production earnings were up 52 per cent to £558 million and better refining margins helped to boost the downstream businesses from £302 million to £412 million.

The company reported that Brent crude prices were $3.50 below their level in 1992. The fall in supply costs alongside a 7 per cent rise in refinery intake helped to lower unit operating costs and boosted margins. However, analysts said the market was expecting even better performance after BP's 78 per cent improvement to its European downstream profits, announced last week.

Losses from the petrochemicals operations increased to £168 million from £41 million in the same period last year. Overcapacity in commodity chemicals has lost Shell £341 million in the first nine months of the year. The third quarter deficit included £171 million in restructuring charges; Shell has provided £363 million in restructuring provisions for the nine months to September.

The disposal of Billiton, Shell's metals business, may be delayed. The purchaser, Gencor of South Africa, has warned that it may have problems financing the project. Gencor needs to raise money abroad due to South African rules barring capital exports.

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Assault on the 3,100 level runs out of steam

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ATTEMPTS by the equity market to climb back above the 3,100 level ended in failure, with investors proving reluctant to chase prices higher.

The FT-SE 100 index saw an early lead of 13 points frittered away as support dwindled. It closed only 1.2 higher at 3,099.7 on turnover of 743 million shares.

The closure of the French and American bond markets for the 75th anniversay of Armistice Day and Veterans Day respectively dampened sentiment. It was left to those companies reporting to generate interest.

Tesco recovered an early fall to finish 4p higher at 183p after a large line of stock went through the market. BZW picked up almost 29 million shares at 172p before passing them on at 173p. By the close of business, a total of 62 million shares had changed hands. The other supermarket chains were hit as James Capel turned bearish of the sector. **J Sainsbury** ended 2p lower at 366p, while **Argyll** eased 2p to 249p and **Asda** slipped 1p to 49¼p.

National Power, which upset the market earlier this week with disappointing trading news, eased a further 3½p to 399p. The group intends to raise funds in the Eurobond market. Standard & Poor's has raised the group's short-term debt rating to A-one plus and its long-term rating to A-plus.

Euro Disney continued to reel from this week's heavy losses of £620 million, with the price collapsing a further 68p to 368p. The shares have now fallen 140p in the past two days.

Sherwood Computer Services was another casualty, tumbling 57p to 88p after a profits warning and the resignation of Charles Taylor as finance director. The group said that trading conditions in the local government market remained difficult. Profits for the year would fall short of market expectations.

Burton Group tumbled 10p to 67p after reporting a drop in sales during the second half. The setback countered news of a strong recovery in pre-tax profits last year from £9.4 million to £38.1 million.

The overnight strength of the Hong Kong stock market was good for **HSBC**, up 12p at 770p. **Inchcape** also spurted 14p to 493p, benefiting from the decision of Robert Fleming, a long-time bear, to turn buyer.

Lucas Industries eased 3½p to 173p as fears grew that George Simpson had rejected the job of chief executive. He is currently with **British Aerospace**, 1p cheaper at 441p. **Tomkins** was also a weak market, down 5p at 234p. Brokers say a bearish circular on the company is about to reach fund managers' desks. But **Cadbury Schweppes** advanced 5p to 470p as Kleinwort Benson, the stockbroker, tipped the shares for recovery after underperforming recently.

Speculative buying continued to push the independent television companies higher. There were gains for **Anglia**, up 16p to 415p, **LWT**, up 10p to 508p, and **Yorkshire**, up 15p to 206p.

Pearson rose 16p to 574p after third-quarter figures and further details of the proposed demerger of its Royal Doulton subsidiary.

Royal Insurance added 4p at 318p after revealing third-quarter figures showing the recovery continuing, with pre-tax profits of £113 million against a loss of £83 million.

But the market was less impressed with the third-quarter performance of **Shell**, which fell short of expectations. Shell was down 18p at 704p.

This week's newcomer, **Charles Sidney**, lost ground, finishing 8p below the original offer price at 102p.

□ **GILT-EDGED** drifted lower affected by the closure of the French and American bond markets. Turnover in the December series of the Long Gilt slumped to less than 15,000 contracts as the price slipped £1/16 to £113 7/8.

MICHAEL CLARK

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The dollar flood at slack tide

When at slack high water, the sea looks like a lake. The odd roller laps above the tidemark; the water retreats and comes up again. But nothing really seems to be happening or likely to happen. Only memory says that in a few hours nothing will be there but a damp beach. Financial tides are irregular, and turn in years, not hours; some of those watching can remember only rising water. That describes the current argument over equity markets: old hands remember bear markets, but young traders still talk of bull trends.

However, tides do not just go up and down; they cause currents and tide races whose effects are more dramatic than those of the tides themselves, and in the past year we have been watching one of them: the flood of investment dollars that has raised markets all over the world. The results have sometimes been near absurd: try, for example, to find a rational cause for the 85 per cent rise in Finnish equities this year. But the flows have done their work. At some stage dollar investors will look to take some profits.

They will get especially itchy if the dollar starts to strengthen, and they must contemplate possible currency losses. Seen from London, the dollar has looked quite strong for more than a year; but that is largely the mirror image of our devalued pound. From Tokyo, the dollar could hardly look weaker, and the beleaguered exporters of Germany would like nothing more than to see their US margins somewhat restored. There is now reason to suppose that the policy-makers of Washington, Tokyo and Frankfurt are getting the same message.

Official news is confined to the merest hints — a report last week from the Bank of Japan (monitored in London by Stephen Lewis) that the Fed may start to edge rates up at the beginning of next year. The BoJ is usually a well-informed Fed-watcher, as Lewis points out, since the two central banks share a strong interest in a steady flow of surplus Japanese dollars into the US bond market. That has been reflected in recent months only by American Treasury statements designed to talk the dollar up, but now the Fed may see domestic reasons for a retreat from cheap money.

Low short rates have done their job and restored the capital of America's commercial banks, which are now showing the confidence to lend again. As they compete for business, spreads are likely to narrow, and since private demand looks buoyant for now, there is a lot to be said for reversing the steepening of the yield curve induced by the Fed, and compressing margins by pushing up money market rates, rather than letting lending rates fall.

A flatter yield curve and a rising dollar would help the long bond market, which has recently been looking pallid, and so help to limit the Federal government's interest payments. It would show anti-inflationary vigilance and have no great effect on America's trade prospects, since so much is with countries whose currencies are effectively pegged to the dollar. Wall Street is already discounting such a move, and it might have heppened by now if it were not for doubts about the momentum of the economy. A reasonably strong first quarter in 1994 would be the trigger.

Meanwhile, Europe is full of reports that the Bundesbank is becoming less attached to the doctrine that the mark must always be the world's strongest currency. Hans Tietmeyer, the Bundesbank president, may protest in public that he cannot make monetary policy for the whole of Europe, but knows he cannot help it. More important, he is an old associate of Chancellor Kohl. The European recession is threatening Kohl's hopes for political progress in the EC, and the domestic recession could undermine the governing coalition: both strong arguments for some benign neglect of the exchange rate.

Before long, American fund managers may be looking at the Europe we know: weak economies with weak currencies. If they start to take their funds home again, investors can remember a simple rule: the higher thay have risen, the harder they are likely to fall.

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Comex 377.05-377.55*

OIL
Brent Crude ...... $15.70 per bbl (Dec)

RETAIL PRICES
RPI 141.9 Sept (1.8%) Jan 1987=100
* Denotes midday trading price

Profits recovery at Royal Insurance

By Sarah Bagnall, Insurance Correspondent

THE benefits of significant rises in UK household and car insurance rates over the last two years helped fuel a profits recovery at Royal Insurance, the composite insurer.

Royal posted nine-month pre-tax profits of £113 million, a £196 million improvement over last time's loss of £83 million, helped by a sharp turnround in the third quarter. Continuing the trend over the last few quarters, Royal made a pre-tax profit of £61 million and disposals in the third quarter compared to a £4 million loss last time.

Richard Gamble, chief executive, said: "The UK operations continue to be the main contributor to the improvement in results" with the recovery being led by the personal lines business. Royal's direct writing company, the Insurance Service, increased premium sales by more than 40 per cent.

At the nine-month stage the UK general insurance operations made a £150 million profit against a £57 million loss last time. Profits were also helped by lower domestic mortgage indemnity (DMI) losses of £71 million, down from £136 million. Royal, with 20 per cent of the DMI market, has been one of the worst-hit by DMI losses.

In the US, a £17 million increase in weather losses pushed the general insurance operations into a loss of £7 million, compared to a profit of £12 million last time. Personal lines business worsened.

Shares in Royal, which raised £404 million through a rights issue in May adding 11 percentage points to its solvency margin, rose 2p to 316p. The margin at the nine-month stage stood at 59 per cent.



Gamble: improvement

Dow ahead in early trading

New York — Wall Street shares continued their recovery after the previous day's late rise. AT&T and Philip Morris accounted for about half of the rise in the Dow Jones industrial average. At midday, the index was up 8.38 points at 3,671.93. Michael Metz, market strategist at Oppenheimer and Co, said: "I think that there is a continued bounce in cyclicals based on more conviction in the vigour of the economy and confidence that the market is stabilising."

□ **Tokyo** — The Nikkei average closed higher, helped by firmer prices of large capital issues, such as NTT and JR East. It ended at 18,158.93, up 36.81 points.

□ **Hong Kong** — Strong overseas demand sent shares to a sharply higher finish, with the Hang Seng index at another record close. The index surged 349.39 points to close at 9,674.83.

□ **Singapore** — The Straits Times industrial index closed at 2,109.08, up 28.07 points, but off a late high of 2,124.07.

□ **Sydney** — The market closed higher for the first time in more than a week as strong Asian bourses lifted local confidence. The all-ordinaries index closed up 9.5 points at 2,052.4. (Reuter)

WALL STREET

	Nov 11 midday	Nov 10 close
AMP Inc	63	63
AMR Corp	69	69
Abbott Labs	28	28
Aetna Life	61	62
Ahmanson (HF)	18	19
Air Prod & Chem	43	43
Albertson's	24	25
Alcan Aluminm	20	19
Alco Standard	48	48
Allied Signal	73	71
Alum Co of Am	69	69
Amax	22	22
Amerada Hess	49	49
Amer Brands	34	33
Amer Cyanamid	50	51
Amer El Power	35	35
Amer Express	31	31
Amer Genl Corp	28	28
Amer Home Pr	63	62
Amer Intl	87	88
Amer Stores	42	41
Amer T & T	57	55
Ameritech	82	83
Amoco	53	54
Anheuser-Busch	48	48
Apple Computer	30	30
Archer Daniels	22	22
Arkla	8	8
Armco	6	6
Armstrng Wrld	45	45
Asarco	19	19
Ashland Oil	34	34
Atl Richfield	110	111
Auto Data Pro	53	54
Avery Dennison	27	27
Avon Products	49	48
Baker Hughes	22	22
Baltim Gas & El	24	24
Banc One	37	37
BankAmerica	41	41
Bank of NY	55	55
Bankers Tr NY	76	77
Barnett Banks	40	39
Bausch & Lomb	52	53
Baxter Intl	24	24
Bectn Dickinsn	37	37
Bell Atlantic	62	62
BellSouth	57	57
Black & Decker	20	19
Block (H&R)	40	40
Boeing	39	39
Boise Cascade	21	21
Borden Inc	15	15
Bristol Myrs Sq	60	60
Browning Ferris	22	22
Burlington Nthn	55	54
CBS	287	289
CNA Financial	80	81
CPC Intl	47	47
CSX	83	83
Campbell Soup	41	40
Can Pacific	17	17
Cptl Cities ABC	619	619
Cptl Holdings	37	37
Carolina Pwr	28	28
Caterpillar	91	90
Central & SW	29	29
Champion Intl	30	29
Chase Manhat	32	32
Chemical Bk	38	38
Chevron Corp	91	91
Chrysler	55	55
Chubb Corp	79	80
Cigna Corp	65	65
Citicorp	36	36
Clorox	53	53
Coastal Corp	28	27
Coca Cola	40	40
Colgate-Palmolive	56	57
Columbia Gas	25	25
Commonw Ed	28	28
Compaq Comp	69	68
Comp Ass Intl	41	40
Conagra	27	26
Cons Edison	31	31
Cons Nat Gas	48	48
Cons Rail	61	61
Cooper Inds	53	53
Corning Inc	27	27
Crown Cork	39	38
Dana Corp	58	57
Dayton Hudson	71	72
Deere	73	73
Delta Air Lines	59	60
Deluxe Corp	35	35
Detroit Edison	30	30
Digital Equip	36	35
Dillard Dept St	37	38
Disney (Walt)	41	41
Dominion Res	45	45
Donelley (RR)	28	28
Dover Corp	58	59
Dow Chemical	53	54
Dow Jones	35	35
Dresser	20	20
Duke Power	40	40
Dun & Brdstreet	67	67
Du Pont	46	47
Eastman Kodak	63	63
Eaton Corp	52	51

	Nov 11 midday	Nov 10 close
Emerson Elec	57	57
Engelhard Corp	25	25
Enron Corp	31	31
Entergy Corp	36	36
Ethyl Corp	17	17
Exxon	64	64
FMC Corp	45	46
FPL Group	37	37
Federal Express	67	67
Fed Nat Mtge	75	77
First Chicago	44	44
First Interstate	57	57
First Union Rlty	11	11
Fleet Finl Grp	31	30
Fluor Corp	40	40
Ford Motor	62	61
GTE Corp	37	37
Gannett	51	50
Gap Inc Del	38	36
Gen Dynamics	92	92
Gen Electric	94	94
Gen Mills	61	61
Gen Motors	51	51
Gen Reinsurance	111	113
Gen Signal	36	36
Genuine Parts	37	37
Georgia Pac	68	67
Gillette	62	61
Glaxo ADR	19	19
Goodrich (BF)	44	44
Goodyear Tire	42	43
Grace (W&R)	36	36
Grt Atl Pac Tea	27	28
Great Wstn Fin	19	19
Halliburton	34	35
Harcourt General	40	40
Heinz (HJ)	37	37
Hercules	100	99
Hershey Foods	53	54
Hewlett Packard	79	79
Hilton Hotels	46	46
Home Depot	42	42
Homestake Mng	20	20
Honeywell	32	32
Household Intl	36	37
Houston Inds	46	46
Humana	15	15
ITT Corp	91	92
Illinois Tool	37	37
INCO	23	22
Ingersoll Rand	38	38
Inland Steel	34	34
Intel Corp	64	63
IBM	50	49
Intl Flav & Fr	108	109
Intl Paper	63	62
James River Va	19	19
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	43	43
K Mart	23	23
Kellogg	59	60
Kerr-McGee	49	49
Kimberly-Clark	51	50
Knight-Ridder	55	54
Lilly (Eli)	57	57
Limited Inc	21	20
LIN Brdcstng	113	112
Lincoln Nat	43	43
Litton	69	69
Liz Claiborne	20	19
Lockheed Corp	71	70
Louisiana Pac	39	39
MCI Commun	26	26
Marriott Int	25	25
Marsh & McLen	81	82
Masco Corp	34	34
May Dept St	45	44
Maytag Corp	16	16
McCaw Cellular	53	52
McDonalds	55	55
McDonnell D	102	99
McGraw Hill	70	70
Mead Corp	40	39
Medtronic	72	73
Mellon Bk	53	53
Melville Corp	41	42
Merck Inc	32	32
Merrill Lynch	91	90
Minnesota Mine	106	106
Mobil Corp	78	78
Monsanto	71	71
Morgan (JP)	69	70
Motorola Inc	104	102
Natl Medical	11	11
Natl Semi	17	17
Natl Service Ind	24	23
Navistar Int	26	26
NBD Bancorp	30	30
NY Times A	22	22
Newmont Mng	56	56
Niag Mohawk	19	19
Nike B	51	52
NL Industries	5	5
Nordstrom	36	36
Norfolk Sthrn	66	66
Nthn State Pwr	42	42
Norwest Corp	24	24
Nynex Corp	43	42
Occidental Pet	17	18
Ohio Edison	21	21
Oracle Systems	32	31

	Nov 11 midday	Nov 10 close
Oryx Energy Co	22	22
Owens Corning	47	46
PNC Financial	28	28
PPG Industries	71	71
Paccar Inc	69	69
Pacificorp	19	19
Pac Enterprises	24	24
Pac Gas & Elect	34	34
Pac Telesis	55	56
Pall Corp	20	20
Panhandle East	21	22
Paramnt Comm	81	80
Parker Hannifin	36	36
Penney (JC)	52	51
Pennzoil	57	56
Pepsico	39	39
Pfizer	63	62
Phelps Dodge	44	43
Philadel Elec	27	27
Philip Morris	56	55
Phillips Pet	30	31
Pitney Bowes	41	41
Polaroid	35	34
PriceCostco	19	19
Primerica	42	42
Procter & Gmbl	56	56
Pub Serv E & G	31	32
Quaker Oats	71	71
Ralston Purina	37	37
Raychem Corp	37	37
Raytheon	61	62
Reebok Intl	31	31
Reynolds Metals	44	45
Roadway Srvcs	64	63
Rockwell Intl	34	34
Rohm & Haas	53	51
Royal Dutch	103	106
Rubbermaid	34	34
Safeco Corp	58	58
St Paul's Cos	88	90
Salomon Inc	45	44
Santa Fe Pac	19	19
Sara Lee Corp	27	27
Scecorp	20	20
Schering Plough	69	69
Schlumberger	61	62
Scott Paper	36	36
Seagram	27	27
Sears Roebuck	57	57
Shell Trans	62	63
Sherwin Wlms	35	35
Skyline Corp	17	17
Snap-On-Tools	38	38
Southern Co	42	43
Sthwestern Bell	41	41
Sprint Corp	34	34
Stanley Works	40	40
Sun Company	31	31
Suntrust	43	43
Supervalu	33	33
Syntex Corp	17	17
Sysco Corp	29	28
TRW Inc	65	66
Tandem Comp	12	11
Tandy Corp	46	46
Telecom Corp	3	3
Teledyne	26	25
Temple Inland	44	43
Tenneco	48	48
Texaco	65	65
Texas Inst	64	63
Texas Utilities	43	43
Textron	56	55
Time Warner	44	44
Times-Mirror	32	32
Timken	31	31
Torchmark	42	42
Toys R Us	39	39
Transamerica	56	56
Travelers Corp	33	33
Tribune	55	55
Tyco Labs	48	47
UAL Corp	149	150
UST Inc	26	25
USX Marathon	17	17
Unilever NV	112	115
Union Camp	44	43
Union Carbide	20	19
Union Pacific	63	62
Unisys Corp	11	11
USAIR Group	14	14
USF&G Corp	13	13
US Life	40	40
US West	47	47
United Tech	63	63
Unocal Corp	27	27
Upjohn	31	31
VF Corp	40	40
WMX Tech	24	24
Wal-Mart Stores	29	29
Warner-Lambert	68	68
Wells Fargo	114	113
Westinghouse El	14	14
Weyerhaeuser	42	41
Whirlpool	62	60
Whitman	16	16
Winn Dixie	55	55
Woolworth	21	20
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	44	43
Xerox	79	79

RECENT ISSUES

Abacus (140)	163	...	Parkdean Leisure (120)	135	...
Abtrust Emrg Economics	91	+1	Regent A	5¼	...
-do- Wts	50½	+3½	Rothmans Intl Units	420	+1
Allders (170)	182	-2	Roxboro (230)	248	-1
BSM (170)	163	...	Scotia (290)	301	+1
BZW Endowment Fd (100)	53	...	Smaller Cos Inv Tst C (135)	141	...
Cantab Phrmctcls (460)	443	-5	Towry Law (190)	195	...
CentreGold (125)	150	...	Vendome Luxury Units	317	-1
Charles Sidney (110)	103	-7	Virtuality Group (170)	255	...
Cleveland Trust (100)	110	-2	Wiggins Group	3½	-¼
Coal Invs	14½	...	**RIGHTS ISSUES**		
Crest Packaging	136	...	Ashtead n/p (280)	42	...
Flem Chinese Inv Tst (100)	97	+3	Blick n/p (370)	40	+2
Flem Chinese Warrants	55	+1	Comac n/p (85)	5	...
For & Col Emerg Mkts Wts	55	...	Elliott (B) n/p (63)	6	...
Gartmore Shared Eqty Tst	103	...	Eng & Overseas Props n/p (35)	¼	-¼
Gartmore Shared Zero Pf	102¼	...	Frost n/p (187)	40	+2
HCG Lloyds Inv Tst (100)	99	...	Matthew Clark n/p (375)	145	+2
HTR Japanese Smlr (100)	91½	+1½	Siebe n/p (485)	74	-4
HTR Japanese Warrants	48	+1	Takare n/p (195)	8	+1
Hamlet (130)	137	...	Wescol n/p (15)	3	...
Hiscox Select Ins Fd (100)	109	+1	Wilson Bowden n/p (375)	40	...
London Fin & Inv Wrrts	14	...	Yule Catto n/p (215)	40	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:		FALLS:	
HSBC	770p (+12p)	Cable Wireless	495p (+10p)
Hambros	355p (+11p)	ICI	682p (-16p)
RMC Group	829p (+9p)	Euro Disney	368p (-68p)
Hutch Whamp	265p (+10p)	Reed Int	748p (-10p)
Inchcape	493p (+14p)	Utd Newspapers	523p (-12p)
Amersham	939p (+12p)	Hepworth	399p (-9p)
Anglia TV	415p (+16p)	Spirax-Sarco	344p (-12p)
Pearson	574p (+16p)	Staveley	209p (-19p)
Swire Pacific 'A'	483p (+16p)	Betterware	158p (-11p)
Liberty Life	981p (+11p)	Burton	66¼p (-11p)
Zeneca	754p (+17p)		
Blick	430p (+22p)		

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FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	1,200	Cadbury	1,500	MEPC	1,300	Scot Power	3,600
Abbey Natl	3,200	Caradon	1,600	Marks Spr	2,000	Sears	10,000
Alld-Lyons	846	Carlton Cms	595	NFC	937	Svrn Trent	305
Anglian W	937	Coats Viy	4,100	NatWst Bk	2,500	Shell Trans	10,000
Argyll Gp	12,000	Cm Union	1,400	Nat Power	6,500	Siebe	947
Arjo Wiggn	2,000	Courtaulds	587	Nth Wst W	1,300	SmKl Bch	2,200
AB Foods	253	Enterpr Oil	2,500	Nthrn Fds	2,800	Smith Nph	1,900
BAA	936	Forte	2,500	P & O	1,800	Southern Elec	811
BAT Inds	6,200	GRE	684	Pearson	3,200	Std Chartd	652
BOC	1,800	GUS	1,200	PowerGen	4,800	Sun Allnce	1,000
BP	10,000	Gen Acc	545	Prudential	2,000	TI Gp	1,300
BT	4,000	Gen Elec	6,100	RMC	736	TSB	2,300
BTR	8,700	Glaxo	4,000	RTZ	1,400	Tesco	65,000
Bk of Scot	3,700	Granada	911	Rank Org	1,500	Thames W	1,200
Barclays	2,700	Grand Met	1,700	Reckitt Col	691	Thm EMI	1,300
Bass	1,200	Guinness	3,300	Redland	664	Tomkins	2,600
Blue Circle	1,900	HSBC	7,000	Reed Intl	1,800	Unilever	1,300
Boots	795	Hanson	7,600	Rentokil	534	Utd Bisc	1,100
Bowater	1,700	ICI	1,400	Reuters	461	Vodafone	5,700
Brit Aero	666	Inchcape	2,800	Rolls Royce	2,400	Warburg (SG)	611
Brit Airwys	7,100	Kingfisher	1,100	Ryl Ins	4,700	Wellcome	3,900
Brit Gas	5,800	Ladbroke	4,700	Ryl Bk Scot	3,700	Whitbd 'A'	961
Brit Steel	7,200	Land Secs	143	Sainsbury	6,200	Wllms Hld	2,500
Burmah Cast	339	Legal & Gn	247	Schroders	2	Wolseley	430
Cable Wire	9,600	Lloyds Bk	821	Scot & New	1,900	Zeneca	2,600

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3671.93 (+8.38)
S&P Composite .... 464.74 (+1.02)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Avge .... 18158.52 (+36.81)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 9674.83 (+349.39)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 133.5 (-0.7)

Sydney: AO .... 2052.4 (+9.6)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2023.33 (-0.51)

FT 30 share: .... 2340.5 (-2.1)

Brussels:
General .... Closed

Paris: CAC .... Closed

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 627.30 (-3.10)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1529.21 (-0.10)
FT 500 .... 1634.65 (-1.39)
FT Gold Mines .... 244.1 (+8.8)
FT Fixed Interest .... 123.32 (+0.04)
FT Govt Secs .... 102.62 (-0.04)
Bargains 29165
SEAQ Volume 743.6m
USM (Datastrm) .... 150.33 (-0.22)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
November 8	November 19	February 10	February 21

Call options were taken out on 11/11/93: Aitken Hume, Avesco, Betterware, Costain, Dares Estates Prf, Denistron Intl, Flextech, Kewill Systems, LIT Prf, NFC, NSM, Signet Prf, Wilshaw.
Puts: Aitken Hume, NSM. **Puts & Calls:** Ramco Oil Serv, Whessoe.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Dec 93	3114.0	3122.0	3100.0	3102.0	7207
Previous open interest: 66429	Mar 94	3127.0	3127.0	3127.0	3119.0	20
Three Month Sterling	Dec 93	94.45	94.47	94.40	94.40	20123
Previous open interest: 376553	Mar 94	94.65	94.66	94.60	94.61	6935
	Jun 94	94.71	94.72	94.64	94.66	2399
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 93	96.47	96.47	96.45	96.46	564
Previous open interest: 12308	Mar 94	96.41	96.41	96.40	96.40	99
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 93	93.85	93.86	93.83	93.85	9040
Previous open interest: 702857	Mar 94	94.55	94.57	94.55	94.56	9344
Long Gilt	Dec 93	114-02	114-04	113-26	113-28	17125
Previous open interest: 108256	Mar 94	113-06	113-06	113-06	113-06	20
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 93	115.10	115.13	114.91	114.96	969
	Mar 94	114.28	114.37	114.12	114.16	2135
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 93	99.47	99.62	99.43	99.46	38410
Previous open interest: 182613	Mar 94	99.57	99.68	99.55	99.55	840
German Gov Bd Bobl	Dec 93	102.46	102.56	102.46	102.46	1758
Previous open interest: 24943	Mar 94				102.62	0
Three month ECU	Dec 93	93.06	93.06	93.06	93.06	101
Previous open interest: 33797	Mar 94	93.83	93.87	93.83	93.84	97
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 93	95.57	95.58	95.55	95.57	919
Previous open interest: 52049	Mar 94	96.07	96.08	96.06	96.07	347
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 93	114.86	115.59	114.85	115.46	29895
Previous open interest: 95649	Mar 94	114.76	115.30	114.76	115.23	244

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 80.6 (day's range 80.4-80.6).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Nov 11	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7983-2.8079	2.8044-2.8079	par-1/8ds	1/8-1/2ds
Brussels	53.39-53.64	53.49-53.60	12-17ds	36-45ds
Copenhagen	9.9350-9.9810	9.9590-9.9810	1 3/4-2 1/2ds	5 3/4-7 1/4ds
Dublin	1.0510-1.0545	1.0515-1.0538	4-7ds	17-23ds
Frankfurt	2.4925-2.5008	2.4975-2.5008	1/8-1/4ds	3/8-1/2ds
Lisbon	255.59-257.65	256.83-257.46	n/a	n/a
Madrid	200.57-202.11	201.89-202.11	60-74ds	194-211ds
Milan	2432.70-2445.90	2440.90-2444.90	5-7ds	19-21ds
Montreal	1.9354-1.9465	1.9425-1.9453	0.31-0.22pr	0.54-0.42pr
New York	1.4763-1.4803	1.4782-1.4792	0.34-0.32pr	0.83-0.80pr
Oslo	10.8580-10.8930	10.8700-10.8930	1-1/4pr	1 3/8-1/8pr
Paris	8.6860-8.7260	8.7040-8.7260	1/4-1 1/4ds	2 3/8-3ds
Stockholm	12.1650-12.2150	12.1760-12.2140	1 1/4-2 1/2ds	4 1/2-6ds
Tokyo	157.28-157.98	157.28-157.54	1/2-3/8pr	1 3/8-1 1/4pr
Vienna	17.53-17.59	17.56-17.59	1/2-1 1/2ds	2 3/8-4 1/2ds
Zurich	2.2011-2.2111	2.2079-2.2110	1/4-1/8pr	5/8-1/2pr

Source: Extel — Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4770-1.4796
Australia dollar	2.2385-2.2418
Bahrain dinar	0.551-0.563
Brazil cruzeiro *	290.84-292.23
Cyprus pound	0.748-0.758
Finland marka	8.4945-8.6105
Greece drachma	353.75-360.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.4260-11.4354
India rupee	45.90-46.86
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4365-0.4465
Malaysia ringgit	3.7665-3.7706
Mexico peso	4.60-4.75
New Zealand dollar	2.7339-2.7409
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.4895-5.6105
Singapore dollar	2.3532-2.3563
S Africa rand (fin)	6.3549-6.4037
S Africa rand (com)	4.9631-4.9724
U A E dirham	5.3655-5.4895

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.5137-1.5149
Austria	11.86-11.87
Belgium (Com)	36.19-36.23
Canada	1.3138-1.3148
Denmark	6.7295-6.7395
France	5.8771-5.8871
Germany	1.6873-1.6883
Hong Kong	7.7266-7.7270
Ireland	1.4069-1.4089
Italy	1647.6-1649.1
Japan	106.6-106.7
Malaysia	2.547-2.548
Netherlands	1.8935-1.8945
Norway	7.3435-7.3535
Portugal	173.48-173.78
Singapore	1.5913-1.5923
Spain	136.48-136.53
Sweden	8.225-8.245
Switzerland	1.4885-1.4895

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6 1/4 Low 5 1/2 Week fixed: 5 11/16
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5 1/2 ; 3 mth 5 1/2 . Sell: 2 mth 5 1/2 ; 3 mth: 5 .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5 19/32-5 17/32	5 19/32-5 1/2	5 5/8-5 17/32	5 21/32-5 19/32	
Sterling Money Rates:	5 19/32-5 1/2	5 5/8-5 17/32	5 19/32-5 1/2	5 19/32-5 17/32	5 3/4-5 5/8
Interbank:	5 19/32-5 1/2	5 5/8-5 17/32	5 19/32-5 1/2	5 21/32-5 19/32	5 3/4-5 5/8

Overnight: open 5 1/2 , close 5 1/2 .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5 1/2	n/a	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 5/8
Sterling CDs:	5 5/8-5 1/2	5 5/8-5 9/16	5 5/8-5 1/2	5 5/8-5 1/2	5 5/8-5 1/2
Dollar CDs:	3.11-3.07	n/a	3.41-3.37	3.45-3.41	3.65-3.61
Building Society CDs:	5 9/16-5 17/32	5 19/32-5 17/32	5 5/8-5 1/2	5 1/2-5 9/16	5 3/4-5 5/8

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Oct 29, 1993 Agreed rates Nov 24, 1993 to Dec 25, 1993 Schemes III: 7.06%. Reference rate Oct 1, 1993 to Oct 29, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 5.820%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3 1/16-2 15/16	3 1/16-2 15/16	3 1/4-3 1/8	3 1/2-3 3/8	3 1/4-2 3/4
Deutschemark:	6 1/2-6 3/8	6 1/2-6 3/8	6 1/4-6 1/8	6 1/16-5 15/16	7-6
French Franc:	7-6 3/4	6 15/16-6 13/16	6 15/16-6 13/16	6 5/8-6 1/2	7 1/4-6 3/4
Swiss Franc:	4 7/8-4 3/4	4 5/8-4 1/2	4 5/8-4 1/2	4 3/8-4 1/4	5-4
Yen:	2 3/8-2 1/4	2 3/8-2 1/4	2 1/4-2 1/8	2 1/4-2 1/8	2 1/4-1 3/4

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $376.60-377.00 Close: $375.80-376.30 High: $377.30-377.80 Low: $375.30-375.80 Krugerrand: $375.00-377.00 (£252.50-254.50)
Sovereigns: Old $88.00-90.00 (£59.00-61.00) New $88.00-90.00 (£59.00-61.00)
Platinum: $377.75 (£255.50) **Silver:** $4.53 (£3.06) **Palladium:** $129.00 (£87.25)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Lyon	550	25	35	41	23	30	42
(*551)	600	7	15	21	60	64	74
Argyll	240	19	26	30	11	14	21
(*249)	260	10	17	21	22	25	32
ASDA	45	5	6	11	2	3	4
(*49)	50	5	6	9	4	6	7
Boots	500	27	34	46	15	23	31
(*510)	550	7	17	25	49	53	60
Br Airways	390	23	34	41	17	23	32
(*395)	420	11	21	29	38	41	50
BP	330	35	41	47	5	8	12
(*357)	360	16	23	30	15	20	24
Br Steel	120	11	15	19	7	10	13
(*123)	130	6	10	14	13	16	18
C & W	475	37	49	61	13	19	27
(*494)	500	23	35	47	25	31	38
CU	600	35	44	54	14	26	28
(*614)	650	11	19	30	43	55	57
ICI	667	30	—	—	23	—	—
(*681)	750	5	15	25	72	90	95
Kingfishr	650	33	49	58	21	30	42
(*652)	700	12	26	35	52	59	69
Land Sec	700	30	46	52	20	27	38
(*711)	750	10	22	29	53	57	67
M & S	390	20	29	34	11	17	23
(*396)	420	7	15	20	31	33	39
Nat West	550	29	37	48	18	31	36
(*555)	600	9	17	27	50	63	67
Sainsbury	360	23	32	41	15	21	27
(*365)	390	11	19	26	34	38	45
Shell	700	30	36	47	18	32	37
(*701)	750	9	16	26	51	65	68
Smkl Bch	390	40	49	50	11	18	25
(*415)	420	25	34	45	25	32	30
Storehse	180	13	17	21	9	11	14
(*185)	200	5	9	12	21	24	26
Trafalgar	90	9	12	15	5	7	9
(*94)	100	4	8	10	11	13	15
Unilever	1100	41	55	71	33	50	57
(*1103)	1150	19	36	49	65	79	87
Zeneca	750	41	53	64	25	46	53
(*755)	800	19	29	43	55	76	83
Series		**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
Grnd Met	390	35	41	47	11	16	20
(*384)	390	18	25	31	26	31	35
Ladbroke	160	19	22	25	7	13	15
(*169)	180	9	13	16	18	25	27
Utd Bisc	330	23	27	32	16	25	29
(*370)	360	10	14	21	35	45	49

Series		Calls Nov	Jan	Apr	Puts Nov	Jan	Apr
BAA	850	52	60	81	2	12	21
(*896)	900	14	28	50	15	33	42
Thames W	500	31	35	47	3	9	15
(*528)	550	1	11	22	33	36	41
Series		**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
BAT Ind	500	14	32	37	7	22	31
(*504)	525	4	—	—	26	—	—
BTR	360	7	19	23	6	14	19
(*360)	390	1	8	12	31	33	39
Br Aero	420	28	49	60	5	26	33
(*441)	460	9	29	40	25	47	55
Br Telcm	460	9	19	28	5	18	22
(*462)	500	1	6	12	39	47	49
Cadbury	453	23	35	40	2	11	20
(*471)	493	3	16	19	25	31	42
Guinness	420	9	26	33	9	19	28
(*420)	460	1	10	16	43	47	55
GEC	330	9	18	26	3	12	15
(*335)	360	1	7	12	26	31	33
Hanson	260	19	23	26	1	5	8
(*277)	280	4	11	14	6	14	18
LASMO	120	11	18	21	2	6	11
(*128)	130	4	12	16	5	11	16
Lucas	160	15	22	25	1	7	10
(*172)	180	2	11	14	10	18	21
Pilkingtn	140	11	15	19	2	8	11
(*148)	160	1	6	10	15	21	23
Prudential	330	12	24	28	4	11	17
(*338)	360	1	10	13	24	28	35
Redland	500	29	49	56	3	14	29
(*524)	550	3	22	30	29	39	56
Royal Ins	288	31	39	—	1	4	—
(*316)	317	7	21	—	6	15	—
Tesco	180	7	17	21	4	9	16
(*183)	200	1	6	12	19	21	29
Vodafone	500	53	68	90	2	16	24
(*546)	550	17	40	52	17	37	47
Williams	330	7	21	25	6	15	25
(*330)	360	1	9	13	31	34	42

FT-SE INDEX (*3100)

	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200	3250
Calls						
Nov	103	58	23	7	2	1
Dec	129	92	62	39	23	12
Jan	152	117	87	63	43	28
Feb	172	138	107	82	59	44
Jun	215	—	155	—	109	—
Puts						
Nov	5	12	30	64	115	165
Dec	27	41	62	90	126	170
Jan	46	61	81	108	140	178
Feb	58	74	93	119	148	185
Jun	93	—	133	—	196	—

Series		Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Nat	390	23	34	37	6	16	20
(*404)	430	7	18	23	22	32	36
Amstrad	45	6	9	9	2	4	5
(*48)	50	3	5	7	4	6	7
Barclays	550	34	49	57	8	19	26
(*571)	600	9	23	32	35	46	53
Blue Circ	280	25	37	41	4	11	18
(*296)	300	12	24	27	13	19	28
Br Gas	300	20	24	32	3	9	13
(*314)	330	3	12	16	19	22	29
Dixons	250	16	26	34	11	20	24
(*283)	300	7	17	24	23	32	36
Forte	220	16	25	25	5	11	16
(*228)	240	5	15	17	16	22	28
Hillsdwn	140	10	17	20	5	9	14
(*145)	160	2	8	11	16	21	28
Lonrho	120	12	18	20	4	9	11
(*127)	130	7	13	16	8	14	16
Sears	110	10	15	16	2	4	6
(*115)	120	4	8	10	5	8	11
Thrn Eml	900	52	69	85	11	25	36
(*933)	950	20	43	60	33	53	60
Tomkins	220	19	25	30	3	8	11
(*234)	240	5	14	19	12	18	21
TSB	200	23	27	30	2	6	8
(*219)	220	8	14	19	7	15	17
Wellcome	650	33	65	78	23	39	49
(*676)	700	16	42	56	53	67	76
Series		**Dec**	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Dec**	**Apr**	**Jul**
Glaxo	650	37	62	82	24	49	60
(*656)	700	15	41	60	55	75	83
HSBC	750	40	67	79	16	43	54
(*769)	800	15	40	55	43	71	81
Reuter	1650	70	121	154	41	84	98
(*1668)	1700	45	96	127	65	106	123
Series		**Dec**	**Feb**	**May**	**Dec**	**Feb**	**May**
R-Royce	156	12	17	—	5	9	—
(*162)	176	3	4	—	17	20	—
Series		**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**
Fisons	130	12	18	20	4	10	15
(*138)	140	7	14	16	11	15	22
Series		**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
Eastrn Elc	550	49	57	66	1	9	13
(*595)	600	9	24	35	12	26	33
Series		**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**
Natl Pwr	390	16	29	34	8	16	22
(*399)	420	5	14	20	28	33	38
Scot Pwr	390	13	21	29	9	17	19
(*391)	420	2	4	15	31	36	38

November 11, 1993 Tot: 35599 Call: 16184 Put: 19415 FT-SE Call: 4599 Put: 4330
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

COMMODITY REPORT: London cocoa closed strongly, supported by a firm New York market. Coffee fell back in afternoon trade, undermined by a subdued New York market and general apprehension ahead of Brazil's next coffee auction. White sugar prices were slightly firmer as the market continued to consolidate after the recent fall.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA
Dec .... 931-930 Mar .... 963 BID
Mar .... 974-973 May 963-961
May .... 985-984 Jul 967-963
Jul .... 988-987 Sep .... 968 BID
Sep 981-979
Dec .... 955-954 Volume: 3567

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)
Nov .... 1211-1206 Jul 1194-1191
Jan .... 1225-1224 Sep 1194-1191
Mar .... 1207-1206 Nov 1194-1191
May .... 1192-1191 Volume: 2185

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)
Spot: 257.2 Oct 10.67-10.94
Jan .... unq
Mar .... 10.36-10.45 Mar .... unq
May .... 10.61-10.71 May .... unq
Jul .... 10.85-11.00 Volume: 10

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)
Reuters Aug 282.4-80.5
Spot: 288.0 Oct 271.0-69.0
Dec .... 280.5-80.0 Dec 271.9-69.5
Mar .... 276.0-75.0 Mar 275.4-73.0
May .... 278.4-77.0 Volume: 757

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 11

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	72.39	83.01	120.22
(+/-)	-0.01	+2.06	-2.13
Eng/Wales:	72.43	82.98	120.43
(+/-)	+0.09	+2.34	-1.51
(%)	+2.5	-31.9	-28.5
Scotland:	69.40	83.16	118.85
(+/-)	-7.29	+0.75	-5.43
(%)	-11.3	-47.6	-47.6

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)
Open Close Open Close
Aug .... unq — Mar .... unq —
Sep .... unq Volume: 0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)
Nov 98.20
Jan 100.25
Mar 102.20
May 104.20
Jun 105.65
Volume: 274

BARLEY (close £/t)
Nov 100.50
Jan 103.61
Mar 105.65
May 107.00
Sep 91.50
Volume: 29

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)
Aug .... unq
Oct ....
Dec ....
Feb ....
Apr ....
Volume: 0

POTATO
(£/t) Open Close
May .... unq 97.5
Apr 85.0 100.3
May 100.0 125.0
Volume: 80

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Dec 60.75-61.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): An oversold market made minor corrections.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	15.30	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Nov)	15.35	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Dec)	15.70	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	16.95	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	17.25	+0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	173 (-2)	176 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	166 (+1)	168 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Nov	169 (-1)	171 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Dec	168 (+1)	170 (+2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	61 (n/c)	63 (n/c)
Naphtha	149 (n/c)	150 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL
Nov .... n/a Feb 161.50-61.75
Dec .... 163.50-63.75 Mar 161.00-61.25
Jan .... 162.25-62.50 Apr .... 160.25 BID
Vol: 24680

BRENT (6.00pm)
Dec .... 15.65-15.67 Mar .... 16.38 BID
Jan .... 15.98-15.99 Apr .... 16.58 SLR
Feb .... 16.22-16.24 Vol: 61244

UNLEADED GASOLINE
Nov .... n/a Feb .... n/a
Dec .... 159.50 BID Mar .... n/a
Jan .... n/a Vol: 130

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Nov 93	1346	1340	1340
Dec 93	1355	1350	1347
Jan 94	1350	1346	1346
Apr 94	1359	1355	1353

Vol: 145 lots. Open int'st: 2874 Index 1319 -2

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1644.5-1645.0	1667.5-1668.0	1068425
Lead ($/tonne)	397.00-397.50	410.50-411.00	106475
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	939.00-939.50	956.50-957.00	302975
Tin ($/tonne)	4620.0-4621.0	4665.0-4670.0	16930
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1049.5-1050.0	1071.0-1071.5	751350
Nickel ($/tonne)	4560.0-4565.0	4625.0-4630.0	85584

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How Land Rover pulled itself out of the mire

Improved working practices have helped to transform the once-ailing British vehicle manufacturer, writes Kevin Eason

Terry Morgan does not mind what his workers say about him. In fact, the managing director of Land Rover positively encourages criticism. He asks the company's 8,000 workers to write down what they think in an anonymous survey, no holds barred. The results could be devastating for the dictatorial bosses of some companies, but when you are riding as high as Land Rover, the criticism turns out to be friendly chiding rather than stinging personal attacks.

For Morgan presides over one of Britain's most fascinating success stories. Only one in ten of UK companies are world-class innovators, according to the Confederation of British Industry and the Department of Trade and Industry. Land Rover has proved so adept at changing to meet the challenge of one of the most turbulent times in the world car market that it is being held up as an example to others by the DTI.

Ten years ago, Land Rover was a ponderous, sprawling business, stuck in the mire of overmanning and inefficiency and with two products — the ubiquitous Land Rover and its luxurious Range Rover stablemate — so long in the tooth that they were the Methuselahs of the motoring world.

Changes in the early 1980s were forced by the battle for survival waged by the then BL group. But companies defined by the DTI as "world class" go further than just surviving. They innovate continuously, says Dr Alistair Keddie at the DTI's innovations unit.

It would be too easy to say that Land Rover simply copied from Honda, the Japanese partner to Rover Cars, Land Rover's parent. It would also be too easy to say that similar action — such as ending demarcation lines and instituting Japanese-style working teams — are happening throughout the British motor industry.

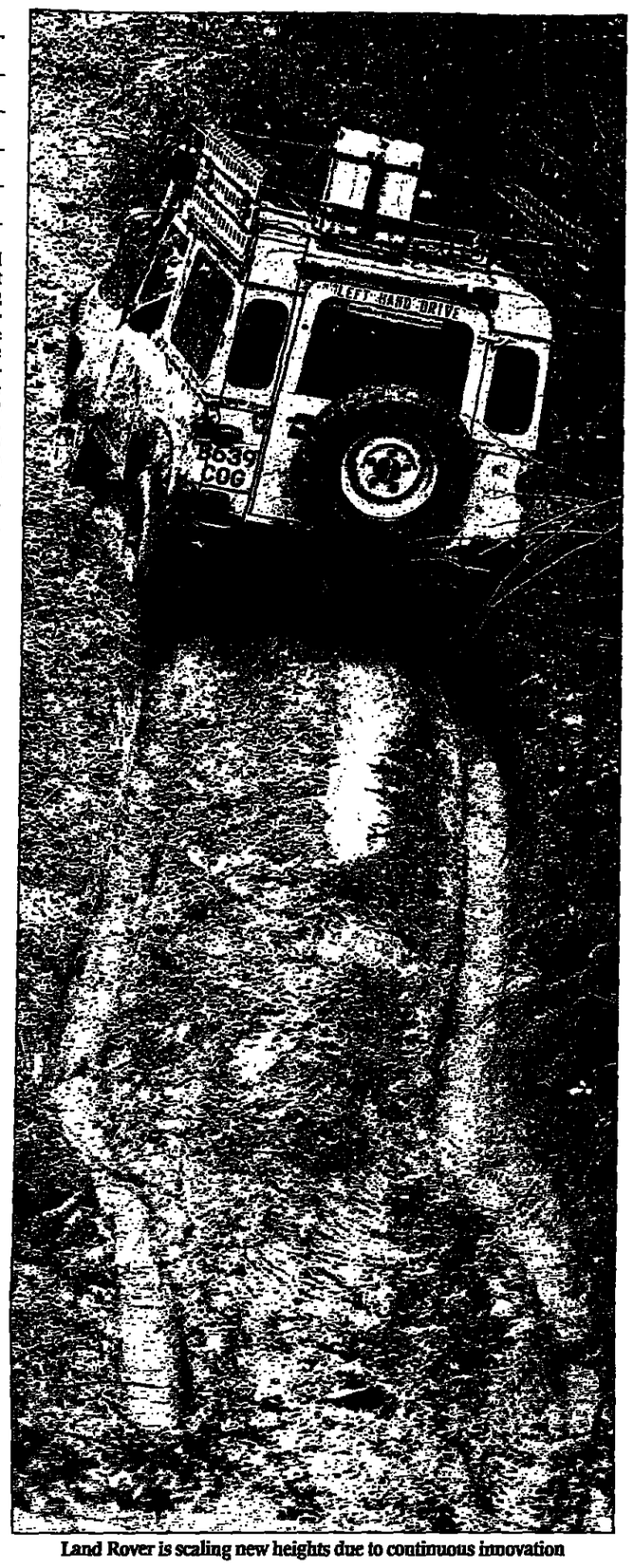
There has been no Honda involvement with Land Rover, a separate subsidiary, which stands on the original Rover assembly site at Solihull, in the West Midlands. The old wartime sheds where aero engines were tested during the second world war might still be there, but attitudes are radically new. The workers, used to being told to stand there and push this button, have been given their chance to make decisions, to have their own ideas and, more important, to carry them out.

The result is a vibrant workforce that would be envied by the Japanese. Productivity has shot up: it took 115.9 hours per man per year to make a Land Rover in 1991; today that figure is 86.4, an improvement of 28 per cent.

The advances are not simply due to better working practices but to the way that Land Rover's managers and workers have thrown themselves at the task of competing with the Japanese and beating them.

Suggestion schemes, for example, are, in most factories, the box into which workers drop their sweet papers. In 1988, 10 per cent of Land Rover workers took part in its scheme, but by last year participation was up to 309 per cent — the equivalent of an average three suggestions for each worker, leading to savings of £1.6 million for the business.

An independent report from the Employee Involvement Association of North Carolina rated the response at Land Rover the highest in the Western industralised world, 30 times better than the 10 per cent average for British factories and 20 times better than America's 15 per cent.



Land Rover is scaling new heights due to continuous innovation

The success led Land Rover to let workers off the leash to solve problems they spotted around the factory. One team wondered why leather gloves were thrown out at the end of each shift. Now gloves, along with overalls and aprons, are recycled and reused, saving £28,000 a year.

That same team is now advising other companies, from component makers to Cadbury, the chocolate maker, on how best to involve their workers.

More than 200 of Land Rover's quality action teams, as they are known, have now completed assignments and saved £16 million a year. That startling statistic is convincing evidence of the revolution that has revitalised Land Rover, yet is so lacking in the vast bulk of British companies.

If further proof were needed, then the sceptics need to look only at the way Land Rover has soared in the last three years against a background of recession at home and abroad. At a time when the rest of the industry is losing sales, cutting production and sacking workers, Land Rover started 300 new recruits this week to increase production for the third time in a year.

From an assembly line output of 1,290 vehicles a week at the start of this year, the rate is now 1,830. Annual production totals are down from 1990's record of 68,600, but that is because in the past more vehicles were held in stock. Better assembly methods now mean that fewer cars are made but these are sent off to dealerships straightaway to be sold. Stocks have been cut from £23 million to £8.6 million in the past two years. At present rates, production could still hit nearly 80,000 vehicles in 1994.

Production is being driven by huge demand. Sales in the UK alone are up 32.9 per cent, with the 20,291 registrations logged in the first ten months already higher than the total for the whole of 1992.

Where showrooms on the Continent resemble motoring graveyards, Land Rover has gone on happily churning out its range of imposing four-wheel-drive vehicles in some of Europe's toughest markets.

In Spain, for example, where industry sales have already tumbled 25 per cent this year, Land Rover sales were up 3 per cent. In France, sales are up 1 per cent against the industry trend of a decrease of 17 per cent. But the most rapid growth is coming in Land Rover's newest markets in the Far East, Australia and, vitally, in the United States.

Australia is the centre of an explosion of interest in Land Rovers, with sales up 148 per cent to 2,947 vehicles this year. Japan is new territory, where the green and gold badge, so familiar across the world, is almost unknown. Japanese buyers are dedicated to their own brand names and are renowned for being very pernickety over the quality of build and reliability, which are not normally recognised as British virtues.

Land Rover is passing the test with this year's sales up 136% on last year's 500 vehicles. The potential for growth is enormous because of Rover's link with Honda.

Ten years ago, the idea that Honda could sell British-made cars in its domestic market would have had Japanese businessmen falling off their chairs giggling. But Honda is to market another Land Rover innovation, the Discovery, as its own in Japan. The car will be called the Honda Crossroads.

The Discovery has greatly helped the transformation of Land Rover's fortunes, becoming the most popular of the company's three models. It is regarded as the vehicle ideal for company directors or mums on the school run, as trendy down on the farm as it is in Knightsbridge.

The Discovery slotted neatly between the Defender, the modern descendant of the original Land Rover launched in 1948, and the Range Rover, the luxurious competitor for Jaguars, BMWs and Mercedes in the company-director market, and helped to see off Japanese competition.

It is big, stylish and comfortable — little like the utilitarian vehicle dreamed up by the Wilkes Brothers 45 years ago. They wanted a vehicle to compete with the American Jeep and came up with a slab-sided, four-wheel-drive box with no doors and a steering wheel in the centre of the dashboard.

They would barely recognise the trappings of the modern Land Rover Discovery, which is as radically different to the old 1948 vehicle as Concorde is to the Spitfire — but they would enjoy the revitalisation of one of the world's most famous motoring badges.

TEMPUS

The china syndrome

THE demerger of Royal Doulton offers a revealing glimpse into the tax accounting machinations of a conglomerate. Exactly why Doulton owned the *Financial Post*, earlier this year, and how it then made a £1.9 million loss when it sold its involuntary investment to another Pearson subsidiary will remain a mystery except to those with access to Pearson's internal accounts. Such alchemy has left an embarrassing stain on Doulton's debut.

Investors may feel ungrateful about carping at such matters since unlike other recent demergers, Pearson is not trying the neat trick of selling investors something they already own. Instead, one Doulton share comes free with every ten of Pearson.

This is just as well: if investors were asked to put up real money for Royal Doulton shares they might question the ugly dynamics of its industry. Fine china is one of the few luxury businesses that is volume driven. Companies run their kilns at full tilt to keep unit costs to a minimum, ensuring almost constant over-supply. This provides healthy trade for the reject shops but puts pressure on prices. Waterford Wedgwood's recent history is not the best advert for the industry.

The notional 6.6p dividend offers the greatest clue in the pricing of the shares once they start trading on December 2. Applying an average market yield of around 4 per cent values them at 206p. Given the low level of profitability however, the warning of continued difficult trading in some markets and the question over quality of earnings, Doulton will do well to close higher than 200p on its first day. Perhaps after all you should never look a Christmas gift in the balance sheet.

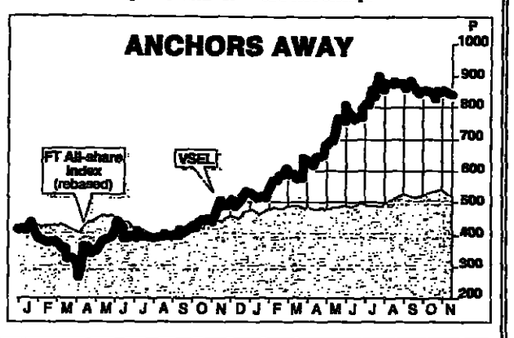
VSEL

IMPRESSIVE though recent achievements have been at VSEL, the stark reality of the government's spending constraints suggest that the company urgently needs to reinvent itself.

Successive rounds of job cuts and cost reduction have improved VSEL's profitability and cash flow beyond measure. In September, the company launched the first two Trident submarines under budget and it has enough naval and military contracts in hand to drive profits well into the middle of the decade.

VSEL is naturally confident that it can win a fair share of future contracts, including the new generation frigate and replacement assault ships. But VSEL is still competing in a shrinking market, as the government's decision to sell the new Upholder class submarines proves. Unless a major conflict forces the government to reappraise our naval forces, it must look elsewhere for long-term growth.

Fortunately, tight cash management has given VSEL the funds to diversify. Short-terms deposits rose to £270 million by the end of September. It will probably mount a consortium bid for the Devonport dockyard when the government puts it up for sale, but this will only increase its reliance on government defence spending. Until VSEL finds a destiny and a source of higher-quality earnings, the shares, even on a p/e ratio of only 8, are not cheap.



Burton

THE recovery potential at Burton is tantalising. The group makes operating profits of just £61 million on sales of almost £2 billion. There must be ample scope for improvement on margins of 3 per cent even in today's difficult retail environment. The group is unlikely to achieve the 14 per cent margins it made in its heyday, but 8-10 per cent must be within its grasp. John Hoerner and his team have already proved their mettle at Debenhams which is now making margins of about 7 per cent. The high street fashion stores should be able to beat that.

Burton really should be making profits of £150 million. It is not inconceivable that it will; the question is when. As with most retail recovery stories from Storehouse to Next, the market always underestimates how long the process will take.

The difficult task for Burton is breaking the pattern of sacrificing margins to improve sales. The group seems to be making some progress. Although gross margins fell by another 1.2 percentage points last year, much of the fall came from lower mark-ups rather than mark-downs, which suggests it is beginning to get its opening price points right.

Nevertheless the group needs to trade through this year without further margin erosion to prove it has finally convinced consumers to pay full price at its stores.

Shell

SHELL has long made a virtue of its decentralised management and penchant for collective decision-making. Few would deny that the system has helped to keep Shell in profits while companies with a more top-down structure have run into trouble. But this structure has meant that Shell has gradually chipped away at its non-core businesses while peers such as BP and Chevron have already completed the bulk of their restructuring.

Decentralised decision-making means staff cuts to made by initiatives at local level in Shell's 100-plus operating companies, rather than by edicts from London or The Hague. Shell, like its peers, needs to reduce capacity in commodity chemicals which have been a running sore for years, but progress is slow. Both the American Shell Oil and Shell UK have taken out costs but continental operations have wielded the axe less vigorously.

Ruberoid

TARMAC'S eagerness to complete its disposal programme and the bad publicity handed out to companies that are flogging off their unwanted businesses to investors have turned the Ruberoid float into a bargain sale. The 150p issue price puts the shares on a p/e ratio of 14 on the current year forecast, while most of building materials and contracting companies are trading on multiples of 20 or more. There is also a generous 4.5 per cent yield. At this price the offer is one of the most attractive in months, and the shares should go to a decent first day premium. Tarmac will suffer some dilution as well as heavy goodwill write-offs — but that is the price for a solid balance sheet.



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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

The politically correct Cleese

JOHN Cleese, the comedian and maker of business training films, has suddenly become politically correct and is offering himself at a discount to American corporations. Some of his training videos made in the late 1970s, in which white males take all the leading roles, have been reshot using a more diverse group of people. Comedienne Dawn French, right, plays the new Rita Scroggs, a self-employed woman who teaches the snooty pin-striped Cleese character a thing or two about figures in *Balance Sheet Barrier*. Cleese is marketing the videos at a 15 per cent discount in America, where 23,000 corporations have used them in training since he opened a Chicago distribution office seven years ago. But none of this financial management preaching appears to have rubbed off on Cleese. He does not even write his own cheques.

Better shave

MANAGERS at the personal appliances division of Philips in Croydon, south-east London, are looking forward to a Christmas pat-on-the-back, following the extraordinary success of the group's electric shavers, which have grabbed more than half the £50 million United Kingdom market for the first time. Figures from GFK Lektrak, the market research firm, show an astonishing sales surge during September, with Philips's share soaring to 55 per cent of the market by value compared with just under 50 per cent in the same five weeks last year. The losers are the Japanese, with Hitachi's share tumbling 25 per cent in the five-week period to 9 per cent, and the Americans, with Remington down 28 per cent to just under 7 per cent. The Germans are holding their own, with Braun's market share holding steady at 22 per cent.



Dawn French plays Rita Scroggs in a John Cleese video

Words of wisdom

AS BUDGET Day looms, firms are falling over themselves to line up informed commentators on the event. Leading the stakes so far is Coopers & Lybrand, which has persuaded Michael Portillo, chief secretary to the Treasury, to address about 130 chairmen and chief executives of its blue chip clients at a breakfast seminar at the Savoy on December 1, the morning after the Budget. KPMG Peat Marwick, meanwhile, has persuaded Lord Lawson of Blaby, a former Chancellor, to address 200 distinguished guests at a dinner in Lincoln's Inn on Budget night itself. The itinerary for another former Chancellor, Norman Lamont, on the day is unclear.

SINCE hordes of readers have been turning up at Monument Station to sample the new Corney & Barrow bar, I feel obliged to point out that talk of its opening was premature. Construction began this week, and it opens in the new year.

Whatley service

MANY in the world of City journalism have been saddened by the untimely death of Garrod Whatley, former city editor of Thomson Regional Newspapers, who died last week after a long illness. A mentor to several established financial journalists who passed through his hands *en route* to Fleet Street, he spent many years as industrial editor of the *Western Mail* in Cardiff before going out to the Gulf in the early 1980s to work on a business magazine. He returned to join Thomson after a three-year spell. Born in Newport, Gwent, he leaves his wife, Beth Cunningham, who writes for *TV Times*. A thanksgiving ceremony will be held in Stepney, east London, on December 5. Any donations should be sent to the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund.

Dressed to thrill

A SERIES of posters have begun appearing in City public houses, cafés and restaurants, advertising a party to be given next week by Ann Summers, queen of exotic lingerie, in the salubrious surroundings of Coates restaurant on London Wall. Tuesday evening's bash promises novelties, games, a raffle, prizes ... and lingerie. City gents are not invited.

A STUDENT in Sydney, Australia, has received a letter from her bank giving her permission to extend her overdraft. At the bottom, the letter says: "May we remind you that this is a limit and not a target."

JON ASHWORTH

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Brit Endwmts Acc	96.25	102.40	+ 0.20	4.43
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Global Opps	82.79	88.08†	- 0.04	...
Balanced Acc	52.06	55.39†	+ 0.04	2.45
Balanced Inc	51.60	54.90†	+ 0.04	2.45

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Capital Growth				
American Growth	304.10	325.20	+ 2.90	.97
Asia Pacific	358.40	360.00	+ 6.70	.26
Abbey Extra	240.60	257.30†	+ 0.70	2.11
Comdty & Energy	106.60	114.00	- 0.60	.48
1992 Enterprise	87.37	93.44	...	2.05
Euro Capital Inc	118.10	126.30	- 0.60	.77
General	222.00	236.10	+ 1.20	2.30
Japan	122.30	130.80†	+ 0.60	0.07
Mastertrust	133.00	142.20	- 0.30	1.31
UK Growth Inc	125.80	133.80†	- 0.60	2.14
US Emerging Cos	133.60	142.10	- 0.60	...
Income & Growth	372.40	396.10†	+ 1.50	3.31
Ethical	69.72	74.16	- 0.29	2.45
International	105.90	112.60	+ 0.50	.44
Dividend & Growth	60.56	64.42	+ 0.11	4.36
Global Gwth & Sec	64.00	68.08	+ 0.04	2.79

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Aberdeen Portfolio	99.68	60.90	- 0.26	0.82
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Cash	50.41	50.41	...	5.13
European	97.16	103.00	- 0.79	...
European Income	93.16	99.04	- 0.58	1.51
Exempt	947.40	992.30†	+ 3.10	3.85
Extra Income	49.98	54.56	+ 0.11	4.83
Far East Emg Ecn	112.00	120.60	- 0.94	0.54
Fixed Interest	24.26	25.90	- 0.02	7.13
High Inc Inv Tst	161.80	172.20†	- 1.10	0.98
Japan	196.00	209.00	- 0.20	...
Latin American	59.32	63.10	+ 0.76	0.80
Pacific	73.18	78.38	+ 0.53	0.35
Property Share	68.16	72.76	...	1.81
UK Emerging Cos	61.63	65.78	+ 0.01	1.89
UK Growth	42.85	46.19†	- 0.05	2.55
World Growth	72.60	77.49†	+ 0.37	0.71
Extrinsic	62.69	66.92†	+ 0.13	2.65
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	54.34	54.34	- 0.01	7.51

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UK Equity Income	90.66	96.45	- 0.07	3.21
UK Equity Growth	80.61	85.76	- 0.17	2.36
European	62.57	66.56†	- 0.37	0.86
Nth American	69.09	71.33†	- 0.16	1.19
Far Eastern	66.04	70.29	+ 0.34	0.53
Money	94.77	94.77	...	4.79
Fixed Interest	72.41	77.03	- 0.04	6.32
Index Linked Gilt	67.84	72.17	- 0.34	1.22

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British Growth	65.34	69.51†	- 0.20	2.74
British Income	75.27	80.07†	+ 0.35	3.57
Select Portfolio	82.80	88.08†	- 0.12	...

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IFA dlg: 0793 610 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514

Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	232.90	248.80†	- 1.30	3.03
Capital	397.80	425.30†	- 1.50	1.87
Balanced	673.80	720.20	- 2.60	2.38
Accumulator	1190.0	1281.0†	- 5.00	2.95
Income Trusts				
American Income	51.18	54.71	+ 0.02	2.98
High Income	410.20	438.40	- 1.80	3.60
Equity Income	231.60	247.50	- 0.80	3.54
High Yield	252.30	269.70†	- 1.00	3.49
Govt Securities	33.78	35.65†	...	4.94
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	138.10	147.60†	+ 0.60	0.29
European Growth	31.65	33.63	- 0.06	0.71
International	154.80	165.30	+ 1.10	0.42
Japan	201.20	215.50	+ 0.10	0.01
Pacific	397.90	425.30	+ 5.90	0.23
Secs of America	431.40	458.90	+ 3.00	0.55
Wwide Asset Val	45.18	48.29	+ 0.22	0.56
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	507.80	542.80	- 3.10	2.28
Conv & Gilt	46.48	49.68	+ 0.04	4.09
Smaller Cos	167.10	178.60	- 0.70	1.34
2nd Smaller Cos	158.00	168.90	- 0.60	1.29
Recovery	134.80	144.10†	- 0.70	2.01
Met Min & Cmty	141.90	151.50†	- 0.60	0.88
Overs Earnings	336.00	359.10	- 0.90	2.21
Technology	158.90	169.70†	+ 1.50	0.05
UK Special Sits	430.50	460.20	- 1.50	2.00

ARKWRIGHT MANAGEMENT
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Growth	132.30	140.80†	- 0.30	1.98
Income	72.40	77.03	- 0.01	4.44
European	54.92	58.43	- 0.17	1.84
Recovery	126.70	134.80	- 0.20	2.04

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Conv & Gen	59.67	63.68†	- 0.23	5.52
Energy	461.50	501.40	- 0.40	0.25
Europe	209.60	223.10†	- 1.20	0.79
Euro Smlr Cos	93.83	98.56	- 0.94	0.99
Income Growth	336.90	359.60†	+ 0.70	4.28
Japan	328.30	346.10	+ 0.40	...
Pacific	115.60	123.00	+ 2.10	0.68
UK Smlr Cos	47.34	50.36	- 0.28	1.09
Japan Fd	243.60	255.60	- 0.50	...
Mngd Pd	168.00	178.70	...	2.73

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Exempt	74.29	79.24†	+ 0.34	3.98
Financial	72.26	77.28	+ 0.35	2.56
500.00	432.80	464.10	- 0.20	2.65
General	243.70	258.00†	+ 1.20	2.68
Property	243.50	260.30	...	4.91
Trustee	180.40	193.00	+ 0.80	2.62
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.50	100.50†	...	4.81
Extra Income	114.80	122.80†	+ 0.20	6.28
Gilt & Fxd Int	61.93	64.01	- 0.01	7.88
Income	523.20	559.60	+ 0.30	4.11
Income Builder	64.43	68.54	+ 0.04	4.85
Intl Income	66.59	70.84	+ 0.23	2.99
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	114.90	122.90	+ 0.60	2.70
Leisure	106.90	114.30	...	1.80
Recovery	302.20	419.90†	- 0.50	2.68
Smlr Cos Inc	39.55	42.42	- 0.05	2.30
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Asset Acc	231.40	246.20†	+ 0.80	1.64
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Convertibles	57.26	61.23	...	6.20
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Equity Income	94.01	99.65	+ 0.31	4.00
European Growth	266.40	283.30	+ 2.50	1.50
Europe	181.80	194.30	+ 0.70	1.50
German Growth	72.83	77.53	+ 0.21	0.70
Global Bond	70.06	73.95†	+ 0.11	5.30
Global Growth	124.00	132.40	+ 0.80	...
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Portfolio	129.90	138.70	+ 0.20	3.20
UK Growth	88.18	93.80	+ 0.74	2.80
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Special Sits	175.80	188.00	- 0.60	0.50
Dividend	78.69	84.16	+ 1.12	4.62
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Can Gen Dist	182.10	193.00	- 0.30	1.86
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Far East & Gen	69.72	72.05	+ 0.76	...
Satellite Cos (4-11	74.66	79.43	- 0.57	1.79
Growth	408.30	436.70	- 0.40	2.22
Income & Growth	403.80	428.80	+ 1.80	3.56
Master Portfolio	103.87	107.77	+ 3.00	2.01
Special Sits	93.11	99.06	- 1.13	2.18
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European Gwth	36.65	39.07	- 0.37	0.89
Income & Gwth Inc	27.61	28.94	- 0.26	3.32
Intnl Gwth	31.46	33.64	+ 0.05	0.76
Japan Gwth	27.75	29.67	- 0.01	...
Managed Tst Inc	47.88	51.20	- 0.08	0.51
Oriental Opps Inc	150.90	161.30	+ 4.00	0.61
Property Shares	41.55	44.43	- 0.02	1.83
Smaller Cos	29.41	31.45†	- 0.13	1.68
UK Growth Tst	24.34	26.03	- 0.02	2.90
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	70.62	75.58	- 0.13	1.70
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Exempt	23.59	24.26	...	...
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European Inc	34.50	36.35†	- 0.15	0.41
European Acc	35.42	37.33	- 0.16	...
Financial	144.70	154.10	- 0.10	2.66
Foundation	84.99	90.90†	+ 0.41	2.60
German	90.31	93.58	+ 0.04	0.07
High Income	76.72	81.71	- 0.22	6.35
UK Income	131.00	139.50†	- 2.90	3.89
Intl Growth	38.26	40.75†	- 0.09	0.16
Mngd Pfolio Inc	99.30	105.80	- 0.20	1.70
Mngd Pfolio Acc	188.90	201.20	- 0.40	...
Monthly Income	79.41	84.93	- 0.16	4.98
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CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD
151 Farringdon Rd. London EC1R 3AD
071 837 7667

Intl Growth	130.13	136.64	...	1.82
UK Growth	104.28	109.76	...	2.41
UK Income	109.16	114.90	...	4.23

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
1 White Hart Yard. London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

Beckman Intl	90.04	95.13	+ 0.24	1.76
Beck Bio-Tech	44.46	47.30	+ 0.59	...
Euro Ethical Tst	148.06	155.95	...	1.83
City Fin Assets	66.66	70.17†	...	...
City Fin America	82.09	86.41	- 0.32	...
City Fin Intl	73.18	77.03†	- 0.29	0.60
City Fin Japan	164.65	175.42	+ 1.39	...
Friars Hse Cap	266.15	281.64	...	2.37
Friars Hse Inc	191.27	201.34†	...	5.07
Buckley Wrld Gth	128.10	137.34	- 2.32	0.73
Fairmnt Cap Gth	135.84	142.98†	- 1.98	...
-do- Inc & Gth	151.65	117.54†	- 2.37	2.25
Fairmount Int	151.75	159.74†	+ 2.53	...
City Fin Pfio Inc	61.34	65.15	- 1.68	3.42

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
10 Eastcheap. London EC3M 1AJ 0342 412 144
Emerging Markets 51.95 55.12 ... ...

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393

American Gwth	58.70	62.78	+ 0.22	...
Atlas Mngd Gwth	37.94	40.58	- 0.03	0.15
Dragon Growth	72.09	77.10	+ 1.67	0.53
Equity High Inc	91.59	86.57	+ 0.39	3.91
European Gwth	46.46	49.29	- 0.34	0.83
Evergreen	29.87	31.95	- 0.10	...
General Equity	80.38	86.28	- 0.21	2.44
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	27.05	28.49†	...	7.93
Japan Growth	47.80	51.12	+ 0.20	...
Pedigree Gwth	48.34	51.56	- 0.16	2.15
Prd Sm Cos Inc	30.59	32.46†	- 0.12	1.00
Retirement Inc	25.84	27.78	- 0.06	6.01
Special Sits	25.57	38.04	- 0.10	1.87
UK & Overseas	47.98	50.91	+ 0.27	1.13

COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
Chelmsford Maritime. Essex ME4 4YY
0634 898 000

Capital	62.20	66.53	- 0.09	2.89
Income	59.32	63.44	- 0.02	3.92

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park. Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9855
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)

Income Funds				
Equity Inc	156.08	166.04†	- 0.26	5.24
Fixed & Convertible	44.53	47.37†	+ 0.20	5.60
Monthly Inc Plus	51.59	54.88†	- 0.09	8.16
Preference Share	51.23	54.50†	+ 0.85	7.11
Balanced Funds				
Property Markets	52.96	56.79	+ 0.66	...
Global Inc & Gth	131.73	140.48†	- 0.20	1.56
Gold & Incl Res	101.36	108.70	- 0.40	0.63
Global Utilities	128.40	137.33	+ 0.19	0.72
Overseas Funds				
American	140.84	150.47	+ 0.66	0.49
European	97.85	97.44	- 0.87	0.92
Euro Sel Opps	116.04	122.42	- 1.12	0.23
Amer Emerging	102.75	110.00	- 0.10	...
Hong Kong	161.44	173.13	+ 5.57	0.98
Japan	228.58	243.56	- 0.33	...
Pacific Growth	219.46	235.35	+ 4.93	...
Garmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	200.52	200.52†	+ 0.30	1.89
Long Term Bal	221.75	221.75†	+ 0.13	2.07
Med Term Bal	187.32	187.32†	+ 2.08	2.99
UK Equity	219.79	219.79†	+ 0.21	1.54
UK Emerging Cos	122.59	122.59†	+ 0.12	2.14
American	232.46	232.46	+ 1.10	1.26
Japan	128.36	128.36	- 0.17	...
European	234.38	234.38	- 2.25	1.02
Index Linked Gilt	170.27	177.27	- 1.03	3.01
Fixed Interest	161.69	161.69†	+ 0.09	6.42
Amer Emergng	264.37	264.37	+ 0.81	...
Pacific	238.91	238.91	+ 5.24	0.60
Emerging Mkts	160.09	160.09	+ 1.70	...
Index Trac Japan	193.05	193.05	...	0.39
-do- Pacific Rim	198.45	198.45	...	1.41
-do- Core Europe	137.44	137.44	...	1.75
Index Trac USA	130.63	130.63	...	2.13
Garmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	94.91	100.97	+ 0.15	...
Med Term Bal	93.11	94.79	- 0.09	...
Long Term Bal	93.97	100.35	+ 0.06	...
UK Equity	101.24	107.70	+ 0.10	...
UK Emerging Cos	62.23	66.20	+ 0.17	...
American	108.13	115.03	+ 0.55	...
Japan	61.84	65.79	+ 0.38	...
European	97.88	104.13	+ 1.02	...
Fixed Interest	80.86	86.02	- 0.04	...
Index Linked Gilt	77.44	80.25	- 0.49	...
Deposit	75.95	80.83	+ 0.01	...
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Int Gilt	119.45	125.74	+ 0.39	...
Berkeley Income	111.05	116.92	- 0.20	2.18
BWH Intl	152.68	139.66†	+ 0.42	0.61
Bristol Cen Port Inc	54.85	62.11†	+ 0.07	2.30
-do- Inc Port Inc	57.78	60.98	+ 0.08	3.75
-do- Wwide Port	52.12	55.01	+ 0.18	1.00
Shar Utilities	52.73	55.23†	+ 0.41	3.86

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
1 White Hart Yd. London Bridge SE1 1NX
071 407 5966
Consistent Ut 30.05 32.26 - 0.60 4.59

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494
Equity Dist 811.70 825.50 ... 3.66

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd. Hutton. Brentwood. Essex
0277 6900 378

Fellowship Tst	66.17	70.40	- 0.04	1.84
Income	227.20	241.80	- 0.60	3.68
Smaller Cos	137.50	146.30	- 0.20	1.12
Inv Portfolio	73.12	77.79	- 0.37	2.60
High Income Port	65.18	69.34	- 0.26	4.00

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS
071 628 0077

Euro Small Cos	1361.9	1389.7	+11.30	...
Japan Small Cos	1746.0	1169.0	-74.30	...
UK Small Cos	1629.6	1703.1	-20.80	...
US Small Cos	1631.2	1676.7†	+ 2.20	...

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS
66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL
071 377 8819

Disc Inc	185.50	195.20	...	2.83

DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
25, Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2000

European Gwth	233.50	247.00	- 1.50	1.21
New Asia	384.90	323.40†	- 4.10	0.46
Japan Growth	125.10	132.80†	- 0.40	...
Jap Smlr Co	507.10	539.50	- 0.70	...
Nth Amer	243.70	258.70	+ 1.20	1.01
Shldrd Asia Pac Mt	113.50	121.10	- 2.00	0.50
UK Inc & Gth	206.50	220.60†	...	3.75

EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555

UK Balanced Inc	133.80	142.30	- 0.30	2.42
UK High Inc Inc	143.90	153.10†	+ 0.10	5.79
UK Pref & F Int	63.25	67.05	- 0.06	6.57
Envrnmntl Opps	78.19	81.05	- 0.23	1.52

EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD
47 Hayemarket Terrace, Edinburgh
0345 090 526

Convertibles	121.80	129.40†	- 1.00	0.39
Equity Income	23.29	24.75	- 0.01	7.88
EuroFund	130.70	138.90	- 0.30	3.60
Global Bond	42.25	44.72	- 0.23	0.89
Growth & Inc	88.15	93.68†	- 0.49	5.82
High Dist	227.40	241.60	- 0.30	3.10
International	154.10	163.70†	- 0.10	4.56
Intl Income	93.14	98.47†	- 0.23	2.61
Japan	98.50	104.60	- 0.30	0.60
Latin American	37.01	39.32	+ 0.83	0.32
Pacific	80.59	85.63	+ 1.27	0.35
Smlr Jap Cos	75.31	79.96	+ 0.20	...
Tokyo	210.80	223.70	+ 0.90	...
UK Smaller Cos	220.60	234.40	- 0.50	1.07
Formerly Target				
Financial	47.84	50.83	+ 0.10	2.37
Japan & General	165.30	175.60	- 0.30	...
Preference Share	34.09	25.80	- 0.01	7.11

ELCON LTD
Central Dr, Kault Rise, Orpington BR6 0JA
0689 70838
Elcon Trust 210.90 224.00 ... ...

ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU
071 373 2261
Endurance Fd 192.60 204.80† - 1.90 0.45

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN
0296 434 488

European	71.77	75.55	- 0.18	1.79
Far Eastern	303.34	319.31	- 2.94	1.33
High Income	122.29	133.99†	- 0.01	4.01
Intl Growth	109.67	115.44	+ 0.60	1.29
North American	115.37	121.44	+ 0.46	0.94
Pelican	112.20	118.10†	+ 0.10	7.23
Smaller Cos	73.58	77.45	- 0.25	1.94
Special Sits	86.40	90.95	- 0.47	1.98
Trf of Inv Tsts	170.91	179.91	+ 0.66	2.10

EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard. London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

Smaller Cos Inc	187.00	198.80†	- 0.75	1.77
Smaller Cos Acc	323.82	330.43†	- 1

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Shares close below best

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began November 1. Dealings end today. §Contango day November 15. Settlement day November 22. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
439	345	Abbey Natl	404	-1	11.8	3.7	15.0
280	179	Allied Irish	283	+1	...	3.7	14.4
201	130	Ans New Z	192	+4½	...	4.5	...
3806¼	2712½	Bankamerica	2825	-25	...	...	...
295	177	Bk of Ireland	293	+5	...	...	...
350	325	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	...	4.3	21.6
199	116½	Bank Scotland	191	...	17.0	6.1	...
584	362	Barclays	572	-1	4.6	3.1	25.4
4½	2	Benchmark	4	-1	...	2.7	...
22	15½	Carlisle	18½	...	...	...	...
598	305	Carr Allen	555	...	...	...	...
153	85	Cattles	142	-5	27.0	6.1	...
2487½	1787½	Chase Manh	2306½	...	...	4.0	18.0
2600	1343½	Citicorp	2475	+12½	...	...	...
465	250	Close Bros	458	+25	...	...	...
£140½	9275	Commerzbk	£140½	...	...	...	...
£342½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£339½	+275	...	3.0	16.7
95	45	First Nat Fin	56	-275	...	2.9	...
1651	876	Fuji Bank Y	1401	-3	...	1.8	...
529	343	Gerrard Nat	465	...	...	1.1	...
775	490	HSBC	770	...	...	0.4	...
785	474	HSBC HK	782	-4	21.5	5.9	12.2
403	343	Hambros	355	+12	20.0	3.2	18.4
428	313	Joseph (L)	418	+13	20.0	3.2	18.7
155	96	King Shaxson	144	+11	14.3	5.1	16.2
530	312	Kleinwort Ben	508	...	10.6	5.0	...
591	492	Lloyds	563	...	9.0	7.8	...
118	83	Lon Scot Bk	94½	-1	16.7	4.1	17.6
575	322	Nat Aust Bk	542	-1	19.1	4.2	16.1
586	398	Nat West	555	...	2.9	3.8	18.7
460	220	Provident	419	-4	...	3.6	19.7
54	39	Rea Bros	52	+2	17.8	4.0	33.7
368	287	Ryl Bk Scot	349	...	12.4	3.7	18.1
1335	467½	Schroders	1247	...	0.5	1.3	55.3
1088	576	Stand Chart	1051	+2	9.0	3.2	...
229	145½	TSB	219	-2	...	1.2	24.8
190	78	Union Disc	168	+6	20.5	2.4	...
940	529	Warburg SG	848	-1	6.4	3.7	...
8600	4843½	Wells Fargo	7693½	-1	...	...	...
205	121	Westpac	194	-37½	...	2.9	12.3
325	188	Wintrust	320	+4	9.3	3.6	28.6

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	562	+6	...	4.8	14.9
647	441	Bass	467	-6	19.1	5.1	10.2
299	189	Boddington	250	-1	7.5	3.8	14.6
459	362	Bulmer (HP)	439	...	...	2.9	19.2
167	129	Burtonwd Brw	153	...	4.7	3.9	12.7
130	75	Eldridge P 'A'	124	...	...	3.4	32.8
70½	50	Fosters Brewing	66½	...	...	3.9	...
435	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	405	...	...	2.3	17.4
480	382	Grand Met	385	+1	12.5	4.1	12.7
427	347	Greenalls Grp	363	...	12.0	4.1	12.0
575	505	Greene King	569	...	...	2.7	16.1
521	388	Guinness	420	+5	...	3.6	15.7
281	230	Hardy Hanson	254	...	7.8	3.8	14.1
138	105	Heavitree	138	...	3.0	2.8	32.9
353	255	Highland Distl	330	-2	...	2.5	16.2
3138	2538	Holt J	3050	...	42.0	1.7	19.0
80	33	Hoskins Brew	72	...	...	...	51.8
323	250	Invrgordn Dist	300	...	...	3.0	17.1
186	129	Macallan-Glen	129	...	4.3	4.2	29.0
465	375	Macdn Martn 'A'	393	...	...	2.8	18.7
225	164	Mansfield	198	...	...	2.4	14.2
299	231	Mrston Thmp	272	...	...	2.5	16.4
520	288½	Matthew Clark	520	+2	...	4.3	17.3
300	244	Mrydwn W	244	...	7.0	3.6	19.3
545	455	Morland	518	...	8.7	2.1	20.6
12	6½	Paramount	8½	...	...	2.1	∞
199	145	Regent Inns	187	...	...	3.0	19.0
1088	753	SA Breweries	1014	+21	...	2.7	17.1
482	393	Scot & New	467	-2	...	4.5	14.5
225	181	Taunton Cider	192	...	6.0	3.9	15.7
269	213	Vaux Group	267	+1	9.3	4.4	18.4
357	225	Wetherspoon JD	334 †	-9	...	2.0	25.9
574½	435	Whitbread 'A'	482	-5	...	4.6	13.0
1425	850	-do- 'B'	1160	-10	...	1.9	29.1
613	463	Wolvrhmptn D	468	+1	11.8	3.2	13.2
515	475	Young 'A'	478	...	14.5	3.8	19.8

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
135	73	Abbey	135	...	...	1.7	22.2
25½	12½	Albrighton♦	18	...	...	...	...
148	87	Allen♦	140	...	5.0	4.5	31.7
120	65	Amec	112	...	3.0	3.3	20.7
12	4	Anglia Sec	7½	...	...	...	...
326	150	Ashtead♦	322 †	...	...	...	...
142	101	Attwoods	135	...	...	1.8	34.1
276	180	BPB Ind	261	...	5.0	4.7	∞
91	57	Baggeridge Brk	90	-3	...	3.6	44.9
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	27	-1	3.1	4.3	30.2
108	74	Barcom	88	...	0.6	2.8	...
56½	32½	Barlon	39½	...	1.2	1.8	16.0
195	94	Barratt Devs	176	+½	2.0	6.3	19.5
460	305	Bellway	454	-1	4.0	2.8	∞
43	15	Bellwinch	40	...	12.0	3.4	∞
449	295½	Berkeley Gp	431	...	...	...	...
116	45	Bett Bros	95	-1	...	1.7	27.0
63	36	Blockleys	54	...	...	0.7	3.9
306	189	Blue Circle	297	...	1.0	2.3	59.7
285	230	Boot (Henry)	269 †	+3	...	4.2	...
106	78	Breedon PLC	90	...	6.0	2.8	15.0
125	82	Br Dredging	125 †	-2	4.6	6.4	22.1
86	45	Brit Fittings	81	...	5.2	5.2	27.7
151	99	Bryant	139	...	1.7	2.7	...
121	53	CALA	121	...	...	4.3	28.1
328	200	CRH	324	...	...	2.4	...
43	18	Cakebread Rby	30	...	...	2.6	17.8
41½	21	Costain	27	...	...	...	...
150	86½	Countryside	147	-1½	...	...	...
98½	38	Crest Nicholson	95	...	...	3.5	38.8
112	27	Cussins	91	+1	0.0	...	...
7½	1½	Dumonts♦	4	...	...	1.4	...
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	19	...	...	...	...
278	178	Epwin	224	...	0.3	2.0	...
59	32	Erith	55	-2	7.0	3.2	23.2
306	252	Eve Group♦	304	...	0.3	0.8	...
6½	3	Explaura♦	3½	-2	...	2.5	18.2
140	97	Freeman Gp♦	131	...	...	...	...
50	38	Galliford	38	...	...	4.8	20.8
81	52	Gibbs & Dandy	80	-1	1.0	3.3	∞
923	695	Gleeson (MJ)	923	+1	...	3.1	...
164	90	Hewden-Stuart	158	...	12.7	1.7	∞
51	28	Hewetson	46	-2	...	2.6	28.2
358	186	Heywd Wlm	352	...	...	3.4	34.0
119	37	Higgs & Hill	111 †	-1	12.5	4.4	...
38	26	How Gp	27	+1	2.5	2.8	...
21	15	Howard Hldgs	21	...	...	5.2	...
78	39	Ibstock Johnsen	63	...	0.5	3.0	...
19½	12½	Jarvis	13½	+½	1.0	2.0	...
316	196	Laing (J)	300	...	9.0	3.8	12.0
127½	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	123	...	...	6.5	...
103	55	Lt Clydeside♦	103	...	4.5	5.5	38.8
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	15½	...	...	...	7.0
350	240	Manders	300	...	9.3	3.9	18.4
168	93	Marley	161	-3	4.2	3.3	47.2
115	61	Marshalls	107	...	...	4.7	73.7
186	122	Maunders (J)	186	...	5.1	3.5	∞
217	96	Mcalpine (A)	209	+1	6.5	3.9	36.2
47	23	McCarthy & S	41	...	0.5	1.5	...
445	272	Meyer Intl	440	-2	...	2.8	44.1
129	62	Mowlem (J)	120	+1	4.0	4.2	...
160	51	NSM	150	-3	...	...	...
53	48	Needler♦	50	...	...	...	...
171	106	Newman Tonks	150	...	...	3.6	23.4
300	197	Persimmon	287	...	...	5.6	20.0
26	10	Phoenix Timber	10	...	8.6	3.7	28.3
1625	1237½	Pochins	1525	...	...	...	...
163	80	Prowting	148	...	29.0	2.4	21.5
6½	1½	Quiligotti♦	1½	...	3.4	2.9	...
840	555	RMC Gp	829	+9	...	3.0	31.1
117	75½	Raine Ind	76	...	...	4.9	18.0
36	18	Ramus♦	20	...	...	...	...
575	402	Redland	524	-2	25.0	6.0	30.5
86	64	Roskel	86	...	4.3	6.2	12.7
296	207	Rugby Group	278	...	6.4	2.9	21.3
68	23	Svrfld-Evea	67	...	...	0.5	...
160	68	Sharpe & Fisher	160	...	...	3.1	27.8
241	80½	Sheffield Insl	232	...	...	2.9	56.9
175	82	Sheriff Hldgs♦	175	+3	...	1.6	26.1
95	66	Shortco♦	93	...	...	7.0	21.1
240	196	Smart (J)	225	...	8.5	4.9	∞
6½	2½	Starmin	3	...	...	...	...
156	100	Tarmac	136	-3	5.5	5.1	...
194	137	Tay Homes	177	...	...	4.1	21.0
139	63	Taylor Woodrw	117	-1	1.0	1.1	...
633	433	Tilbury Dougls	598	...	33.0	6.9	19.5
39	19	Torex Hire♦	36	...	...	1.4	...
282	168	Travis Perkins	277	...	8.0	3.6	48.8
40	25	Try Group	22	...	1.0	4.6	7.6
28	23	Tudor♦	23	...	...	1.4	...
99	41	Vibroplant	99	...	2.5	3.2	35.6
65	20	Ward Hldgs	40	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	35	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	425	...	...	7.5	18.3
21½	6½	Wescol♦	18	...	...	...	...
174	90	Westbury	173	-1	5.0	3.6	26.7
12	6½	West Scaffold♦	7	...	...	...	...
4½	3	Wiggins	3½	-½	...	...	...
457½	362	Wilson Bowdn	414 †	...	...	2.7	28.1
205	147	Wilson (C)	182	...	3.9	2.7	31.5
194	104	Wimpey G	163	+3	...	4.0	...
47	25	YRM	36	-1	0.5	1.7	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	603	-5	...	...	...
248	196	Adam & Harvey	247	...	13.0	6.7	4.4
92	56	Air London♦	61 †	...	...	7.2	∞
56	37	African Lakes	47	...	2.0	5.3	...
178	93	Auto Sec	138	+1	...	5.5	24.7
138	84	BET Ord	125½	-2½	...	2.2	5.1
111	41	BNB Res	109 †	...	4.9	5.6	...
318	258	BPP	311	...	8.3	3.3	17.2
285	195	Barbour Index	235	+6	8.0	4.3	16.0
27	15	Bonstead	27	+2	0.7	3.2	...
269	184	Brit Data Mgt	257	-3	4.7	2.3	18.7
26	11	Broadcastle♦	26	...	...	1.2	20.7
73	54	Brooks Service	62 †	...	...	1.0	...
109	86	CRT Gp	95	...	...	3.7	16.8
193	139½	Capita Group	190	...	...	1.5	28.7
45½	31	Casket Plc	41½	...	...	2.7	15.8
55	18½	Caliborn Capital	22	-1	...	...	...
51	26	Christie	50	...	...	...	...
370	226	Chubb Sec	352	+2	...	1.7	21.9
100	90	Comaca♦	90 †	...	...	2.1	23.5
37	6½	Corp Services	37	...	...	...	...
84	20	Coutts Cnslig	81	+1	...	...	...
137	30	Dart	137	...	3.3	3.0	18.6
256	198	Davis Service	214	-3	...	4.7	16.1
104	85	EW Facts♦	104 #	...	4.4	5.5	11.7
32	11	Gardiner	26	+1½	0.4	3.0	18.0
277	215	Hays	258	-6	5.3	2.6	∞
348	174	Hogg Robinsn	235	...	...	3.5	17.1
70	34	Holmes Protectn	34	...	...	...	2.1
265	127	Hotch Whamp	265	+10	...	1.8	22.2
2175	975	ISS B DKr	2062½	...	...	1.0	14.2
637	475	Inchcape	493	+14	...	3.6	16.1
875	669	Johnson Clean	868	...	25.7	3.7	18.9
12	2½	Lep	8½	...	...	...	...
298	173	Mitie Gp	275	...	3.5	1.6	21.4
1187	893	Manpower	1118	...	...	...	...
62	40½	Michael Page	59½	...	1.8	3.8	25.3
279	125	Penna♦	127	...	...	7.9	4.7
4½	2	Prime People♦	3½	...	...	...	...
142	74	Proudfoot Alex	77	...	...	24.4	4.3
423	337	RCO	388	...	14.1	4.6	13.3
118	86	REA	97	...	2.0	2.6	...
108	43	Reed Executive	101	...	...	...	...
156	108	Reliance Sec♦	110	...	...	5.1	23.9
238	178	Rentokil	204	...	2.5	1.5	25.4
283	220	Rolfe & Nolan	277	...	...	3.2	15.6
399	334	Salvesen (C)	357	-5	...	2.7	19.6
39	25	Scot Pickford♦	35	...	...	3.9	11.2
10	5	Select Appt♦	8	...	...	...	...
1213	695	Serco Gp	1213	...	13.3	1.4	33.6
352	93	Sherwd Cmpt♦	85	-60	...	10.3	2.5
130	90	Sketchley	108	+1	...	3.5	24.7
355	310	Warner Howrd	345	...	6.6	2.4	17.9
45	27	Welpac	39	...	...	...	...
25	14	Wills Gp	22	...	0.4	1.9	∞

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	210	Allied Colloids	239	+1	...	2.3	20.2
957	613	Amersham	939	+12	...	1.9	32.3
7	1½	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
£112	8325	BASF DM	£107½	-99½	...	6.2	...
300	190	BTP	284	...	...	4.1	19.6
£129½	£101½	Bayer DM50	£128½	-62½	...	4.2	...
175	116	Blagden	134	-1	6.5	6.1	14.4
165	93	Brent Chems	114	...	...	8.1	10.4
550	345	Br Bio-Tech	394	...	...	...	...
9	7½	Caird Gp	7½	-½	...	22.2	20.1
180	125	Canning (W)	150	...	7.2	5.8	17.9
625	465	Courtaulds	468	-1	...	3.7	12.4
337	229	Croda	333	+1	...	3.0	19.1
149	121	Doeflex	123	...	4.6	4.7	9.4
235	175	Ellis & Everard	212	-1	...	4.2	20.3
47½	15½	Euro Colour	41½	...	0.8	2.7	25.2
344	259	Halstead (J)	343	...	...	2.4	17.0
241	155	Hickson	155	-4	...	6.5	14.4
£115	8550	Hoechst	£107½	-75	...	3.4	...
230	195	Holliday Chem	223	...	...	2.1	20.5
740	609	ICI	682	-16	...	5.0	...
677	576	Laporte	663	-2	19.9	3.8	18.3
330	161	Leigh	308	...	...	4.7	20.1
97½	55	MTM	50	...	...	...	...
2025	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1962½	-34½	...	1.4	27.0
464	330	Paterson Zoch	448 †	...	12.6	3.5	∞
420	360	-do- 'A'	405 †	...	12.6	3.9	∞
296	180	Plysu	209	...	...	4.2	13.6
303	173	Porvair	295	-6	3.8	1.6	31.5
70	35	Sutcliffe Speak	49	...	...	...	...
485	412	Wardle Storeys	438	+3	17.2	5.1	...
535	395	Wolstnhlme R	535	...	17.0	4.0	18.3
455	330	Yorks Chem	424	...	...	2.3	22.7
300	233	Yule Catto	257	...	...	2.9	16.0
799	593	Zeneca	754	+17	...	4.8	44.5

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	72	...	...	5.2	...
87	42	Amber Day	52	...	1.3	3.3	∞
358	257	Argos Plc	338	-5	...	2.6	28.8
25	9½	Ashley Group	10	...	...	2.3	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	90	...	0.1	0.1	...
330	278	Asprey	324	-1	5.1	2.0	22.5
154	94	Austin Reed	152	...	...	2.1	...
155	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	154	...	...	5.0	15.5
121	94	Bentalls	110	...	1.9	2.2	...
278	158	Betterware	158	-11	...	1.7	18.8
47	22	Blacks Leis	43	...	2.2	6.7	...
227	133	Body Shop	201 †	...	...	1.1	28.3
16½	11½	Brown & Jackson	12½	...	...	...	...
434	318	Brown (N)	420 †	...	...	0.8	6.6
87½	64½	Burton	66½	-2	...	2.4	24.7
157	126	Cantors	156	-11	2.0	3.8	∞
360	295	Church	345	...	4.0	3.2	∞
183	97	Clinton Cards	158	...	12.5	4.5	30.7
280½	212	Coats Viyella	266	...	4.3	3.4	19.1
112	78	Colourvision♦	93	-1½	...	3.5	26.0
181	154	C'ty Casuals	170 †	...	5.6	7.5	16.7
830	374	Courts Furnish	826	-1	...	3.0	15.8
156	115	Crown Eyes♦	135	...	5.5	0.8	10.3
130	89	Dairy Farm Intl	124	...	...	6.5	9.2
91	51½	Dewhirst (I.J)	90½	+1	...	2.9	18.2
285	189	Dixons Grp	283	-½	8.8	1.1	29.1
21	8	ERA Gp	12	-2	...	2.7	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldon)	530	...	...	...	...
166	71	Essex Furn	157	...	10.0	3.8	18.2
273	203	Etam	241	...	...	2.8	∞
808	499	Fine Art Dev	546	-3	7.8	3.7	21.9
70	26	Fired Earth Tiles	47	-1	12.7	2.9	17.8
580	498	Forminster	580	...	...	...	...
180	24	French Conn♦	131	+2	14.0	3.0	10.5
74	43	Gent SR	71	...	...	...	...
78	23	Goldsmiths Gp	77	...	2.1	3.7	...
563	334	GUS	534	...	0.3	0.5	...
40	23	Hampden Grp♦	23	+4	...	2.6	17.1
277	30	Hamstone	49	...	...	5.4	11.4
27½	20	Helene Plc	29½	...	...	7.1	...
75	29	Heritage♦	74	...	2.0	9.9	12.1
79	35	Honeysuckle♦	69 †	...	...	...	...
161	63	Jacques Vert	156	...	...	4.1	∞
691	496	Kingfisher	654	...	...	2.4	12.0
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	70	...	...	2.7	22.5
685	495	Liberty	575	...	4.0	7.1	14.4
320	241	Lloyds Chem	274	...	7.2	1.6	87.7
152	120	MFI	143	-1	7.2	3.3	∞
408	311	Marks Spencer	396	-2	...	3.3	30.1
580	445	Menzies (John)	573	...	...	2.7	20.1
253	135	Moss Bros	250 †	...	...	2.4	16.2
213	139½	Next	199	...	5.5	2.8	29.4
41	15	Oliver (G)	38	-2	3.5	2.3	22.4
324	197	Oriflame Intl	303	...	...	...	...
63	38½	Pentos	44	...	...	4.0	14.8
313	185	QS Hldgs	190	...	0.8	2.3	9.2
58½	20½	Rhino Grp♦	58½ #	...	5.1	3.4	13.5
169	120	Rosebys	168	...	...	...	...
181	135	Sherwood Gp	148	+1	...	3.6	20.2
119½	93	Sears	118	...	...	2.2	13.3
41½	11	Signet Group	30	+½	...	3.7	...
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	465	...	...	...	...
20	4½	Specialeyes♦	18	-2	...	3.8	15.2
229	176	Storehouse	185	...	...	...	...
191	148	T & S Stores	155	-9	...	3.4	23.9
162	71	Tie Rack	149	...	6.0	4.8	11.5
239	160	Time Products	226	-2	1.0	0.8	24.4
128	63	Usher (Frank)♦	106	-6	7.7	4.3	19.2
45	27	Viner	36	...	...	7.1	9.2
48	34	Wensum♦	43	...	1.0	3.5	11.1
119	76	Wickes	110	...	...	5.5	...
78	45	Wld of Leather♦	62	...	...	0.2	49.9
192½	142	Wyevale♦	175 †	-4	...	...	...
4	2½	Xtra-vision♦	3	-1	...	3.0	23.2

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	162	+1	...	3.9	16.1
253	223	Acal♦	253	...	...	3.1	17.6
162½	38	Acorn Comp♦	98	...	...	...	49.7
480	385	Admiral	468	...	5.7	1.5	19.8
170	104	Alba	163	...	...	3.7	20.4
50	19½	Alphameric	43	...	...	...	...
51	22	Amstrad	48½	+½	0.5	1.3	∞
128	61	App Holo♦	71	...	...	...	...
43	9½	Arlen	38	+2	...	...	...
88	35½	Astec	76½	+1½	...	0.4	...
293	243	Beales Hunter	245	...	...	4.8	15.1
9	2	Bennett & Fount	2½	...	...	...	...
446	319	BICC	389	-1	19.2	6.2	...
558	408	Bick	430	+22	...	3.0	17.2
1700	925	Borland♦	1200	+50	...	...	...
371	274	Bowthorpe	354	...	6.4	2.3	23.0
478½	376	BT	461½	-2	...	4.4	17.6
228½	150	BT P/P	211½	-3½	...	4.3	22.0
15½	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	15½	...	0.1	0.8	...
160	90	Burnfield	90	-1	5.7	8.0	14.2
509	334½	Cable Wireless	495	+10	...	1.9	25.9
27½	11½	Chloride	22½	...	...	...	...
273	229	CML Micro♦	268	...	...	...	...
115	74	Comptr People	110	...	...	2.2	19.5
164	108½	Cray Elect	144	...	...	...	...
433	243	Critchley	423	...	...	1.3	14.8
554	414	Delta	474	...	...	1.4	24.4
393	205	Denmans Ele♦	393	+9	...	3.7	19.8
620	395	Domino	438	...	...	2.0	16.7
65	48	Dowding Mills	61	-3	7.4	2.1	14.9
1190	865	Druck	1190	...	...	5.1	26.1
469	358	Electrocomps	456	...	10.0	1.1	25.4
710	470	El Data Prc	710	+1	...	2.3	18.5
146	43	Electron House	130	...	5.1	0.9	19.5
30½	10½	Emess	21	...	2.6	2.5	28.5
632	442	Eurotherm	628	...	0.1	0.6	...
182	108	FKI	181	...	8.5	1.7	28.6
509	340	Farnell Elect	505 †	+½	...	2.1	26.5
91	33	Feedback♦	68	...	...	1.6	28.7
18	1½	Ferranti	1½	...	...	2.8	8.9
280	101	First Tech	275	...	...	...	...
270	81	Forward Gp♦	235	...	...	0.5	22.0
22½	13½	Forward Tech	14½	+1	...	1.8	21.2
367½	264	GEC	334	...	...	...	...
199	132	Graseby	158	-7	10.3	3.9	16.8
15½	7½	Graystone♦	11½	+1	...	8.6	33.2
40	36	Hitkare♦	40	...	...	...	...
169	83	INSTEM♦	135	...	...	1.6	...
169	118	Ind Control	155	...	...	2.9	9.7
388	320	Jones Stroud	388	...	4.4	3.5	∞
88	26	Kalamazoo	83	...	...	2.8	15.6
19	8	Kembrey	13½	...	2.1	3.2	19.3
349	260	Kenwood App	328	...	0.1	1.4	...
255	47	Kewill Sys♦	255	-6	...	3.0	18.4
209	103	Kode	165	+11	...	...	...
60	16	Laser-Scan♦	28	...	6.0	4.5	19.6
365	122	LEMS♦	248	...	...	...	...
265	205	Lec Refrig	265	...	...	0.4	35.0
179	129	Life Sciences	134	...	9.0	4.2	...
283	164	Logica	271	...	3.7	3.5	14.5
35	44	LPA Ind♦	52	-3	...	1.8	31.2
229	162	MR Data Mngmt	194	...	...	8.5	14.7
718	523	Macro 4	685	...	...	3.3	18.2
243	175½	Menvier-Swa	210	-5	...	3.2	20.8
3013	1298	Micro Focus	1533	...	...	2.2	18.6
227	147	Microgen	159	...	...	...	...
35½	23½	Microvitec♦	31½	-1	7.2	5.7	10.8
529	357	Misys	525	-1	...	...	...
584	98	Mitel	286	...	...	1.7	19.2
138	108	MMT Comp♦	134	-2	...	...	...
50½	16	Molynx	41	-2	...	3.8	∞
272	202	MTL Inst♦	252	...	1.3	...	...
165	103	Multitone Elect	140	-2	...	1.8	19.0
240	116	Murray Enter	235	+1	3.5	3.1	25.4
3206½	2612½	NYNEX	2887½	...	...	2.1	...
188	128	Neotronics	145	...	...	...	...
65	42	Newmark (L)	56	...	2.6	3.5	16.9
277	56	Norbain♦	262	...	...	...	...
75	20	Northamber	67	+1	...	0.2	20.2
15½	7½	Oceonics	7½	-1	0.6	1.1	...
297	195	Oxford Inst	296	...	...	...	...
83	48	P-E Intern'l	73	+8	4.6	2.0	20.3
81½	29	P & P	57	...	...	...	...
80	55	Peek	77 †	-4	1.5	3.3	30.3
227	115	Pegasus♦	215	...	3.4	5.5	20.1
9500	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9500 †	-1	...	3.7	53.2
1437½	725	-do- Lmp nv	1375	...	...	6.1	...
313	211	Phonelink♦	285	-25	...	...	...
280	171½	Pifco	275	-1	...	...	...
280	151½	-do- 'A' Voting	265	...	...	1.9	23.1
96	63	Plasmec♦	75	...	...	1.9	22.2
120	76	Pressac	105 †	...	...	5.0	6.3
185	81	Psion♦	184	...	2.5	3.1	∞
261	160	Racal Elect	212	...	...	1.7	48.9
70	45	Radamec	48 †	+3	4.2	2.5	12.6
70	31	Radius♦	37	...	...	3.9	10.3
92	61	Real Time♦	77	...	2.2	7.6	12.8
35	18	Riva♦	27	...	...	4.9	15.8
620	387	Sage Gp	438	...	...	...	34.2
348	222	Sanderson Elec	302	-1	9.3	2.7	14.0
72	49	Scantronic	72	-4	9.8	4.1	12.9
181	117	Scholes Grp	173	...	3.1	5.4	18.2
375	270	Sema Gp	317	+1	...	3.6	22.4
42	26	Silvermines	40	...	2.9	1.1	25.7
51	37	Soundtracks♦	51	...	...	2.9	...
2675	1737½	TDK	2400	...	...	5.6	17.2
27	4½	TDS Circuits♦	12	-25	...	1.3	27.2
198	80	Telemetrix	156	...	...	...	...
1017	809	THORN EMI	934	...	0.8	0.6	25.7
152	96	Thorpe FW	136	...	...	4.3	19.1
103	46	Total Systems♦	48	...	...	2.5	15.8
575	372	Tunstall	573	...	3.0	7.8	8.5
295	164	Unitech	264	...	5.7	1.2	22.9
11½	6	Verity	9½	-21	...	2.9	62.5
35	24	Vistec♦	27	...	...	...	...
585	387	Vodafone	546½	-½	...	1.7	15.5
475	346	Volex	440	+5½	...	1.6	24.8
26	11	Western Selectn	20	...	17.8	5.1	18.1
280	223	Wholesale Fitgs	272	...	11.7	5.4	28.9

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	389	East Midlands	558	+14	...	4.4	10.5
622	399	Eastern Elect	595	+12	...	4.0	11.9
419	304	Hydro-Elect	387	-3	...	3.7	14.0
618	404	London Elect	578	+14	...	4.2	12.8
673	458	Manweb	638	+15	...	4.1	9.2
643	424½	Midlands Elec	608	+10	...	4.1	10.9
421	273	National Powr	399½	-3	...	3.5	9.8
666	440	Northern Elec	621	+14	...	4.3	9.0
206	100	Nthn Ireland	189	+4	...	4.1	10.4
672	439	Norweb	636	+13	20.0	3.9	9.9
468½	273	PowerGen	463	-3	...	2.8	12.2
420	285	Scottish Power	391	-½	...	3.6	14.5
681	436	Seeboard	625	+7	...	4.0	10.1
681	469	Sth Wales	640	+17	...	4.4	10.7
626	426	Sth Western	588	+9	...	4.3	9.3
642	406	Southern Elec	606	+19	...	4.0	11.1
647	455	Yorkshire Elec	628	+10	...	4.1	11.8

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	55	...	1.0	2.3	11.7
133	47	BWD♦	133	+1	...	3.2	20.8
101	26	Baltic Plc	101	...	...	1.2	...
550	413	Caledonia	534	...	...	3.5	19.8
1800	1005	Camellia	1800	...	...	2.1	6.7
318	243	Candover	304	...	10.4	4.3	21.5
257	71	Flextech♦	253	+13	...	0.2	...
352	155	Govett	339	-1	...	4.4	10.0
188	125	Ivory Sime	149	...	...	5.5	14.0
6½	3	LIT	4½	...	...	...	...
240	154	Lon Forfaiting♦	233	+½	...	...	...
74	47	Mannakin	74	...	8.7	4.7	16.9
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	8½	...	5.0	8.4	∞
52	40	Newmarket	52	...	...	...	...
341	246	Rathbone Bros	333	-1	6.5	2.5	19.6
26	17	Rutland Tst	24½	...	...	4.1	14.5
340	253	S & U	305	...	10.2	4.2	11.3
83	48	Singer & Fried	80	...	...	4.7	...
975	713	Sotheby's	913	...	...	3.7	...
126	114	SIP Capital	115 †	-1	3.0	3.3	47.4

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2556½	1487½	Amer Express	2125	-28½	...	...	...
1133	835	Henderson Ad	1000	-8	...	5.3	22.8
200	92	Invesco	183	+1	...	2.3	...
292	164	Jardine Strat	292	+8	...	2.7	12.2
236	154	MAI	224	...	...	3.9	14.2
728	389	MAM	668	...	...	4.0	...
1005	633	M & G	948	-1	16.0	3.0	16.6
408	109	Smith New Crt	393	-1	...	2.8	25.2
81	55	Trio Hldgs	70	-2	...	1.9	5.9

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
538½	456	AB Food	478	+3	...	4.0	9.8
77½	49	ASDA Group	49½	-1	1.6	4.1	11.8
305	170	Acatos & Hutch	291	...	7.6	3.3	16.8
80	55	Albert Fisher	57 †	...	3.7	8.2	∞
407	246	Argyll	249	-2	...	5.5	9.2
230	160	Banks (S C)	230	...	9.0	4.9	10.3
402	310	Barr (AG)	310	...	6.5	2.6	15.7
85	57	Benson Crisp♦	68	...	...	5.2	15.3
141	106	Berisford Intl	109	...	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	391	+2	...	7.0	33.9
52	35	Borthwick	48	...	...	3.1	59.6
505	430	Brake Bros	485	...	6.3	1.6	20.1
51	38	Bridgen	44	...	...	2.8	13.4
503	407	Cadbury-Schw	470	+4½	...	3.6	16.6
143	78	Carrs Milling	132	-2	3.9	3.7	26.4
196	133	Cranswick	145	+9	...	6.9	10.9
22	8½	Cullens	13½	...	0.5	4.6	38.8
384	119	Dalepak	137	...	6.0	5.5	10.8
521	424	Dalgety	441	+3	...	5.8	12.6
54	22	Daniels S	50	...	...	0.6	...
348	191	Devro	242	-1	...	2.8	23.0
134	99	Everest	104	...	...	4.4	18.9
383	209	Farepak	379	-1	5.7	1.9	23.3
10	3	Farringford	7½	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	76	+1	...	7.0	24.6
125	78	Fyffes	105	...	...	1.4	18.9
483	328	Geest	343	...	8.1	3.0	15.3
16	7	Global♦	14	...	...	4.5	21.8
40	43	Grand Central	49	...	0.8	2.0	...
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	163	-1	...	4.9	9.2
175	131	Hillsdown	145 †	+1	8.8	7.6	11.4
250	162	Iceland Group	164	...	...	2.7	10.3
131	103	JLI Group	106	-1	...	5.5	11.7
853	592	Kwik Save	592	-7	16.7	3.5	11.3
262	144	Low (Wm)	146	...	8.4	7.5	∞
83	41	Matthews (B)	77	...	2.3	3.8	50.4
19½	12½	Merchant Retail	15	-½	1.1	9.2	30.7
174	87	Morrison (W)	90	-4	...	1.2	11.7
233	177	Nichols (JN)	228	...	5.5	3.0	16.5
291	220	Nthn Foods	228	+6	...	4.6	11.3
20½	9½	Nthmbra Fns♦	12	...	...	...	...
229	172	Nurdin Peack	179	...	...	4.3	9.9
251	205	Park Foods	238	...	...	3.2	18.3
115	78	Perkins Food	83	+1	...	6.7	9.5
114	47	PizzaExpress	97	-2	...	0.6	20.5
9	1½	Regina Hlth♦	4	+½	...	...	...
384	360	Sainsbury J	366	-2	...	3.5	12.7
86	33	Sentry Farm♦	71	...	...	2.6	12.7
223	94	Sims Food	110	...	...	8.5	21.2
430	355½	Tate & Lyle	376	-6	12.3	4.1	11.9
273	176	Tesco	183	+4	...	5.0	8.3
211	123	Thorntons	168	+1	...	2.7	...
183	101	Treats♦	153	+1	...	3.0	17.5
410	300	Unigate	373	+2	...	5.6	12.0
437	329	Utd Biscuits	330	...	...	5.8	20.4
24½	18½	Usborne	21½	...	...	3.1	15.9
337	248	Watson & Phil	298	...	13.2	5.5	15.5

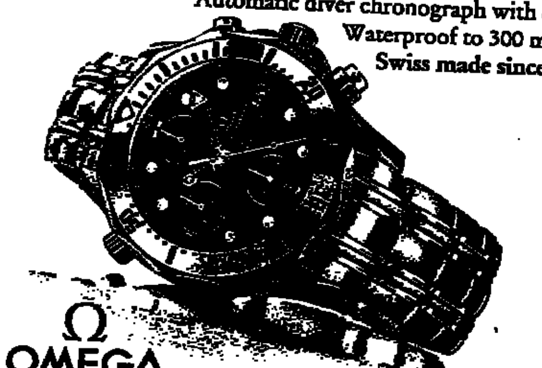
HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
26	12	Abrdn Stk Ho	26	...	...	...	...
93½	77	City Centre Rest	90	...	1.5	2.2	21.7
250	170	Forte	228	-1	...	4.1	17.9
215	148	Friendly Hotels	154	...	...	4.6	30.0
11	5	Harmony Leis	10½	+½	...	...	...
135½	87	Jurys Hotel	134	...	...	4.8	10.7
222½	154	Ladbroke	169	+1½	11.1	8.2	14.4
85	59	Mandarin Ornl	80	...	...	4.2	19.8
59	44	Queens Moat	47½ #	...	...	3.7	...
99	83	-do- 7% cvpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
2	½	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	...	...	...
24	11½	Ryan Hotels Ir	18½	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	785	...	...	6.4	...
66	34½	Stakis	56	-5	7.0	1.1	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	19	AAF Inds	34	...	...	...	2.1
616	455	AAH	504	-2	...	4.3	16.2
185	140	AIM	180	+1	7.5	5.2	10.9
132	88	APV	104½	...	...	6.5	...
238	81	ASW	144	-2	...	5.2	...
186½	118	Adwest	167	-2	...	5.4	16.1
29	10	Aerospace Eng	19	...	...	4.9	25.0
281	249	Alesprung	275	...	...	2.0	17.6
184	113	Alexdra W	180 †	-1	4.1	2.8	28.5
13½	6½	Allied Radio	7½	...	...	...	...
292½	207½	Alumasc	283	...	...	...	...
48	17	Alvis	36	...	...	2.6	16.7
565	345	Amber Ind	565	...	1.0	3.5	7.4
45	45	Amberley Gp♦	45	...	...	4.1	12.9
107	75	Anagen	82	...	...	2.8	...
145	75	Andrews Sykes	86	...	...	...	...
1005	703	[illegible]	958 †	-2	...	2.1	17.9
40	33	Armour	40½	...	...	4.2	11.5
170	143	Ash & Lacy	150	...	6.4	5.3	15.3
4	2½	Ass Br Eng	3	-½	...	2.1	...
541½	434	Avon Rubber	508	...	...	4.1	20.3
265	164	Assoc Nurse♦	265	...	...	0.5	16.2
667½	523	Atlas Equip	523	...	...	5.3	13.1
81	35	Ayrshire Metal	75	...	...	...	...
188	147	BBA	182	+1	...	5.2	15.5
88	28	BLP Group♦	86	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	21½	-2	3.4	20.0	11.9
770	622	BOC	632	+1	23.8	4.7	13.9
79½	62	BSG	71	...	...	5.6	24.7
489	353	BSS Group	489	...	...	4.4	20.3
409½	318	BTR	360	+6	...	3.9	20.1
221	155	BWI	162	-4	...	5.3	14.6
50	29	Babcock	34½	+1	...	7.7	20.4
9	4	Bailey (CH)	7½	...	...	...	...
289	240	Baird (Wm)	259	-6	8.9	4.4	17.7
1062½	550	Barlow Rand	631½	...	...	5.3	3.6
65	18	Baynes (Charles)	62	...	...	3.0	25.4
15	4	Beauford	8	...	...	...	...
10	2½	Beckenham♦	2½	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)♦	33	+1	...	...	...
27½	15	Benson Group	19½	...	...	...	...
707	290	Bespak	330	...	...	2.4	11.7
133	65	Bibby (J)	68	...	10.0	3.8	10.3
312	129	Blitam (J)	265	...	2.0	3.7	∞
41	21½	Bilston Burnes♦	28	...	5.3	2.5	13.4
11½	2½	Bimec Ind	2½	-1½	...	...	...
220	118½	Birkby	218	...	3.5	2.0	20.7
45	32	Black Arrow	38	...	2.6	8.6	11.9
1½	½	Black & Edgtn♦	1½	...	...	...	...
245	136	Black (Peter)	244	-1	3.7	1.9	21.4
562	120	Bluebird Toys♦	482	...	...	1.2	14.7
322	247	Bodycote	294	...	...	2.3	18.0
40	23	Bogod 'A'	30	...	0.7	2.9	11.2
563	416	Boots	510	+1	...	3.4	19.9
61	42	Booth Inds	50	...	0.7	1.8	...
523	407	Bowater	407	-6	...	3.7	17.0
1682	1189	Bowater Inc	1317	...	...	...	...
279	199	Boxmore Intl♦	276	...	...	1.7	20.7
19	12½	Brasway	14½	...	...	4.4	...
303	204	Brammer	296	...	13.0	5.5	22.0
27	12	Bridgend Gp	21 †	...	0.4	...	...
123	64	Bridon	123	...	...	4.1	...
88	53	Bridport-Gndry	73	-2	2.5	4.3	∞
88	31	Brierley Inv	42 †	...	...	8.0	∞
308	230	Br Bldg & Eng	230 †	-3	8.0	4.3	∞
82	42	Br Bloodstock♦	70	...	...	...	...
528	417	Br Polythene	443	-1	...	2.9	15.9
131½	54	Br Steel	123	-½	...	1.0	...
180	80	Br Syphon	85	...	...	4.4	23.8
185	115	Br Thornton	158	-3	...	2.0	17.3
268	215	Br Vita	245	...	7.3	3.7	15.1
15½	9½	Britton Grp	13½	...	...	1.6	...
805	553	Broken Hill	772	+2	...	2.3	36.4
112	78	Bromsgrve Ind	98	-1	...	5.6	12.8
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	9	...	...	...	...
73	44	Brown & Tawse	46	...	...	...	...
132	91	Bullough	124	...	6.0	6.1	21.2
26	11½	Business Tech♦	18	...	...	...	...
28	17	CI Group	21	...	0.5	3.5	19.8
32	11	Campbll & Arm	32	...	...	...	...
39	6½	Cannon St	29½	+½	...	...	...
260	205	Cape	259	...	...	5.1	17.5
343	254	Caradon	336	...	...	3.3	27.2
169½	128	-do- pf	164½	-½	7.2	5.5	...
252	178	Carclo Eng	252	...	8.6	4.3	17.9
2889	2138	Carnaud Mtl	2225	-5	...	2.8	∞
78	68	Cassidy Bros♦	73	...	...	4.1	11.9
213	158	Castings	203	-2	4.3	2.7	14.3
71	61	Cattay Intl	61	-1	...	...	...
195	113	Chamberlin Hill	190	+5	6.5	4.3	11.7
753	605	Charter	728	-4	...	3.8	17.2
345	220	Chemring	310	...	...	3.4	18.7
92	45	Chieftain Gp♦	50	...	4.5	11.3	10.7
45½	15½	Chillington	41 ‡	+3	0.2	0.8	...
215	144	Christies Int	209	...	...	0.9	51.9
65	34	Claybithe	63	-1	...	5.0	...
95	55	Clayton Son	57	...	...	...	...
7	7	Co Designers♦	7 #	-1	...	...	...
405	298	Cohen (A)	403	...	3.4	1.1	...
241	170	Community H	235	-1	...	3.7	16.0
240	186½	Concentric	230	...	...	3.4	19.8
288	120	Cook (Wm)	260	...	6.0	2.9	15.6
233	182	Cookson	207	...	...	3.6	27.4
76	38	Copymore♦	71	...	...	1.8	21.7
238	130	Crowell Fkr 'A'	144	...	...	4.9	19.5
178	92	Cosalt	117	-3	8.6	9.2	17.8
224	150	Creighton Nt♦	205	...	...	4.5	14.7
48	27	CrestaCare	32	...	0.6	2.5	27.7
3950½	2897½	Dana	3862½	+97½	...	...	...
313	78½	Danka Bs Sys	300	...	...	0.6	28.4
243	190	David Brown	220	...	...	3.4	15.6
22	5	Davies (DV)♦	18	...	...	...	...
766	632	De La Rue	761	+6	...	2.8	20.2
30	16	Dinkie Heel	29	...	1.1	4.8	22.7
574	391	Diploma	565	-1	10.7	2.3	29.4
82	50	Dobson Park	82	...	5.0	7.7	14.8
119	92	Dyson (J&J)	109	-2	5.0	5.7	20.1
83	57	-do- 'A'	72	-2	5.0	8.7	13.2
16½	8	ERG	15	...	...	...	...
440	367	EIS	407	...	...	...	...
78	19	Elbief	25	...	...	3.7	16.0
50	19	Eleco	50	...	...	...	...
2450	1750	Electrolux 'B'	2390	...	...	...	0.00
79	43	Elliott (B)	69 †	-37½	...	2.2	...
475	394	Eng China Cl	417	...	...	...	...
140	111	Environmed	138	+3	...	6.0	24.3
3862½	1950	Ericsson 'B'	3550	-25	...	...	59.3
77	32	Eurocopy	64	...	...	0.8	...
87	47	Expamet	65	-3	1.0	2.0	24.8
717	499	Fairey Group	681	...	...	4.6	1.5
119	47	Fenner	119	...	10.7	2.0	21.0
69	32	Ferraris Group	69	+1	2.5	2.6	25.3
2	¼	Fernmetre♦	2	...	...	3.2	16.2
29	15	Ferrum	17	...	...	...	...
61	28	Fife Indmar	60	...	1.4	10.3	11.9
251	128½	Fisons	130	...	0.7	1.6	...
53	20	Flexitime	53	+½	...	8.0	12.6
288	215	Flogas	273	...	...	8.6	...
43	35	Folkes Group nv	35	...	...	3.6	12.5
96	58	French (Thomas)	86	-2	1.5	5.4	19.9
234	162	Frost Group	230	...	3.6	5.3	43.1
88	71	GEI Int	85	...	...	2.4	29.8
513	434	GKN	474	+6	...	7.3	...
51	42	GR Hldgs	49	...	...	5.4	31.6
101	79	Garton Eng	94	...	...	3.2	...
161	103	Gestetner	143	...	4.1	5.5	...
68	23	Glevea	58	...	8.2	7.2	6.2
801	509	Glaxo	656	...	...	...	42.0
38	16	Glenchewton	29	+6	...	4.2	17.2
331	245	Glynwed	303 †	-3	11.6	4.8	28.6
129	66	Goode Durrant	121	-1	...	5.6	...
153	102	Grampian Hld	137 †	...	5.5	5.0	23.8
498	341	Granada	470	-3	7.9	2.1	25.0
447	301	Great Sthrn♦	446	...	...	3.2	18.3
117	78	Green (Ernst)♦	88 †	...	...	9.9	∞
19½	8½	Greenacres♦	13	...	...	2.9	12.9
17	7	Guardian Grp♦	7	...	...	...	...
65	30½	Haden MacLn	65	...	...	3.8	23.4
94	44	Hadleigh Inds♦	82	...	...	0.8	...
290	115	Hall Eng	275	...	8.6	3.9	23.0
229	161	Halma	200	+1	...	1.2	20.9
49	30	Hampson Ind	44	...	1.6	4.5	14.5
279½	222	Hanson	277½	+½	...	5.1	14.1
221	153	Harris (Philip)	159	-2	...	5.4	9.6
198	147	Harrisn Crsfld	179	...	9.0	6.3	25.8
123	38	Havelock Euro	121	...	...	...	...
51	30	Hay (Norman)	38	...	...	...	...
28	17	Headway	24	+1	0.7	3.6	∞
13½	4½	Healthcare	4½	...	...	22.2	1.2
410	301	Hepworth	399	-4	14.8	4.7	17.2
228	160	Hewitt (J)	213	...	3.2	1.9	16.6
57½	15	High-Point	55 †	...	0.5	1.1	...
164	112½	Hill & Smith	163	...	...	4.3	22.7
19½	6½	Hobson♦	15	...	...	...	72.2
176	87	Holders Tech♦	172	...	...	4.4	22.4
52	30	Hopkinsons	49	...	0.9	2.3	37.1
183	133	Hornby♦	181	-1	...	6.2	17.1
88	54½	Howden	83	...	2.2	3.3	15.3
280	173	Hunting	235	...	...	5.3	19.8
503	269½	Huntigh Tec♦	448	...	...	2.8	11.4
312	287	IMI	292	-4½	...	4.3	25.9
119	90	ISA Intl	114 †	...	1.5	1.7	17.7
205	137	Intercare Gp♦	137	-2	...	2.5	14.5
286	235	Isoron	278	-2	4.3	2.0	∞
665	300	Jardine Math	649	+4	...	1.9	23.7
537	425	Johnson Matth	478	-3	...	2.7	20.9
64	30½	Johnson & FB	39	-½	3.0	9.6	12.0
177	104	Johnston	146 †	...	3.2	...	...
32	19	Jones Stipman	25	...	...	...	...
35	18	Jourdan (T)	30	...	...	...	...
178	73	Kalon	173½	...	0.7	3.2	...
297	195	Kelsey Ind	282	+1	...	2.5	24.1
620	465	Kershaw (A)	620	-1	8.0	4.0	...
235	75	Kleeneze	218	...	27.0	5.4	32.2
151	61	LGW♦	143	...	3.4	3.0	11.9
351	266	Laird	331	...	...	4.0	16.3
157½	103	Lilleshall	153	...	...	3.6	20.1
223	97	Lincat♦	204	...	...	3.7	14.4
33½	4½	Lincoln Hse♦	32 †	-½	...	...	26.4
128	76	Linread	107	...	3.8	4.5	16.5
280	170	Linton Park	255	-3	...	6.9	9.2
15½	9½	Lionheart	10	...	...	...	...
22½	15	Locker (T) A	20	...	0.2	2.5	...
224	140	Lon Intl	143	...	1.0	6.2	20.1
135	70	Lonrho	128	-1	9.4	8.3	10.9
388	269	Low & Bonar	346	+1	...	3.9	...
41	14½	ML Hldgs	39	-3	...	3.4	48.5
56	27	MS Intl	56	...	...	...	...
59	39	MY Holdings	47	+1	...	5.6	57.7
236	168	Macfarlane	201	...	...	3.4	∞
460	379	McKechnie	413 †	+3	14.7	4.5	∞
106	85	McLeod Russel	102	-1	6.0	7.4	12.4
10½	1½	Maddox	1½	-1½	...	...	9.6
108	63	Magnolia	100	...	0.1	0.1	16.1
119	71	Mang Bronze	109 †	-2	2.5	2.9	∞
26½	19½	Marling	25½	...	...	3.2	...
206	124	Mayborn♦	199	...	...	3.3	15.3
62	29	Mayflower	55	...	...	1.0	45.9
236	85	Medeva	125	...	...	2.4	10.1
118	88	Meggitt	100	-1	...	4.8	17.0
125	98	Metalrax	111	...	...	4.2	18.1
154	126	Metrotect	152	...	...	2.7	21.1
98	70	Metsec♦	98	...	...	...	...
90	39	Midstates	85	...	...	1.1	11.8
27½	14	Mining & Ald	27½	+2	0.5	2.3	...
515	368	Molins	510	+1	...	3.5	12.3
345	262	Morgan Crble	324	+4	...	4.9	17.0
184	134	Morris Ashby♦	174	-1	...	3.9	13.2
38	18	Neepsend	33	...	1.0	3.8	43.6
73	34	Nestor-BNA	62	...	3.1	6.4	14.8
192	122	Nobo Gp	190	...	4.8	3.2	18.8
181	122½	Norcros	163	+3	...	5.5	23.3
51	35	Novo Group	38	...	...	4.3	12.2
413	310	Nu-Swift	358	...	...	...	∞
81	36	Office Elec Mac	61	...	0.1	0.2	...
43½	21	OMI Intl	43½	+½	...	5.0	...
162	123	PCT♦	161	...	...	5.6	18.3
90	36	Pacer Systems♦	86	...	...	5.0	...
138	87½	Pentland	93	-1	...	3.5	12.6
395	290	Photo-Me	321	...	4.6	1.8	20.8
165	97½	Pilkington	148	+1	...	3.4	...
87	68	Plantsbrook	86	...	3.1	4.5	13.6
154	125	Polypipe	138	...	2.1	1.9	∞
42	17	Porter Chadbrn	20	...	...	7.8	9.2
14½	5½	Porth Gp♦	11	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	342	-3	...	2.5	17.7
20½	16½	Prospect Inds	20½	...	0.7	4.6	10.1
65	33½	RPS Group♦	63	...	2.3	4.6	13.9
95	73	Radiant Metal	85	...	...	...	...
186	77	Ramco Oil♦	182	+1	...	0.7	60.9
856	636	Rank Org	819	+1	31.0	4.7	22.4
33	15	Ransomes	16	...	...	...	...
690	532	Reckitt Colm	652	-6	...	3.2	15.0
77	50	Record	70	...	3.6	6.4	34.4
7½	2½	Reece	4½	...	...	...	...
269	131	Relyon	259	...	5.0	2.4	31.3
303	208	Renishaw	292	...	...	2.8	34.7
110	55	Renold	99	-2	...	1.3	...
1688	1240	Reuters	1669	+11	22.1	1.7	27.6
83	24½	Rexmore	75	-1	2.0	3.5	...
188	91	Ricardo Group	186	...	...	3.8	26.4
76	58	Richard (Leics)	74	...	3.7	6.3	...
98	69	Richardson West	80	...	3.0	4.8	20.5
142	109	Ropner	130	...	8.2	7.9	18.4
136	97	-do- 'A'	124	...	8.2	8.3	17.6
38	22	Ross Gp	23 †	...	0.6	3.5	9.4
184	131½	Rotork	170	-2	...	2.2	...
166	89	Rubicon	166	...	...	2.7	19.9
66	43	Russell (A)	63	...	...	3.3	23.3
29½	15	SEP Indl	29½	...	...	1.0	...
1087½	625	SKF 'B'	1037½	...	...	3.2	27.0
60½	39	Saville Grdn (J)	59	...	...	4.7	29.4
248	205	Scapa	208	...	...	3.4	15.8
238	192	Scholl	200	...	...	3.9	14.6
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5	...	...	...	...
1120	917	Securicor	1120	...	2.6	0.3	42.6
835	562	-do- 'A'	830	...	2.6	0.4	31.6
745	465	Security Serv	740	...	5.1	0.9	36.6
126½	77	Senior Eng	125½	-½	...	3.2	21.0
361	278	Seton Health	318	...	...	2.4	18.7
68	42	Sheldon Jones♦	63	...	...	...	...
166	88	Shiloh	146 †	...	3.0	2.6	15.7
344	281	Sidlaw	317	...	...	4.1	20.3
574	427	Siebe	558 †	-4	...	2.3	20.9
383	220	Silentnight	350 †	-2	...	2.9	19.0
148	102	Sime Darby	144	...	...	3.7	∞
142	32	Simon Eng	77	...	...	...	...
259	180	Sinclair (Wm)	183	...	...	4.8	14.2
47	36	Six Hundred	42	-1	...	5.2	...
164	134½	Smith & Neph	134½	...	...	4.4	14.9
513	399	Smithkline	414½	+½	9.6	2.9	14.9
450	340	Smithkline Uts	377	+8	...	3.2	11.7
428	320	Smiths Ind	417 †	-7	...	3.6	16.9
140	58	Solm Bus	80	-2	3.5	5.5	7.6
462	365	Spandex♦	462 †	...	...	1.8	20.5
660	300	Spear (JW)	660	...	4.5	0.9	12.4
376	314	Spirax-Sarco	344	-12	...	3.4	21.6
145	44	Spring Ram	55	...	...	0.6	18.1
270	209	Staveley	209	-19	...	5.1	11.7
172	126	Sterling Ind	120	...	...	4.1	26.1
187	97	Suter	166	-1	9.0	6.8	17.4
483	244	Swire Pacific 'A'	483	+16	...	1.9	∞
7	3	Sycamore	3	...	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	55	...	...	...	...
153	120	Sylone	153	...	...	7.2	10.3
374	279	TI	363	+2	...	3.9	20.3
33	12	TLS Range♦	26	...	...	3.7	34.8
337	211	TT Group	327	...	...	1.2	...
237	201	Takare	204	-7	...	2.5	20.1
868	618	Takeda Chem	813	+3	...	1.1	17.8
58	26	Tex Hldgs	55	-3	...	0.8	15.4
109	70	Tinsley (E)	99	...	...	...	...
240	150	Toms♦	240	...	...	6.9	15.2
271	212½	Tomkins	234	-5	...	1.9	20.9
116	67	Trafalgar H	95	+½	...	3.4	17.2
116	69	Transfer Tech	83	...	...	4.3	7.0
190	158½	Triplex Lloyd	164	+2	3.2	4.8	10.5
275	214	UniChem	262	...	...	5.3	19.7
375	275½	Unidare	365	...	6.4	3.1	17.2
76	11½	Unigroup	32	...	...	5.4	18.3
1249	938	Unilever	1103	-27	21.3	2.4	15.0
8112½	6362½	Unilever (NV)	7687½	-100	...	2.7	12.7
915	513	VSEL	848	-2	...	4.6	9.0
12½	6½	Verson	12½	+½	...	...	...
164	95½	Vickers	149	+2	...	1.9	...
367	243	Victaulic	222	-1	...	3.6	13.4
454	283	Vinten	447 †	...	...	2.0	20.8
694	427	Vosper Thorny	650	...	...	3.0	15.7
48	41	WSP Hldgs	43	...	...	7.8	11.2
468	368	Wagon Ind	445	...	...	4.9	19.6
98	71	Walker Greenbk	95	...	3.1	4.1	24.2
258	201	Wassall	251	-1	2.7	1.4	25.3
43	22	Wtford Wdgwd	43	+1	...	...	...
384	291	Weir	302	-6	...	2.5	17.0
693	600	Wellcome	677	-1	17.3	3.3	∞
23½	18	Wellman	20	...	0.9	5.6	32.6
358	280	West Hlthcare	335	...	...	1.4	∞
510	460	Whatman	482	-1	9.7	2.5	16.3
353	224	Whessoe	238	...	...	4.3	9.2
74	27	Whitecroft	73	...	...	...	...
8½	4½	Widney	8½	...	...	...	...
130	44	Wilkes (James)	123	-2	3.5	...	36.0
365	295½	Williams Hldg	331	-4	12.5	4.7	17.3
41½	17	Wilshaw	41½	+2	...	1.7	26.0
731	533	Wolseley	715	-1	13.3	2.4	∞
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
46	35	Wyko	36	...	...	3.5	...
59	38	Young (H)	52	...	3.0	7.2	19.1

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INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1268½	Alex & Alex	1343½	-6½	...	5.0	...
2406½	1787½	Am Gen	1962½ †	-6½	...	3.7	...
63	30	Archer (AJ)	59	...	2.7	5.7	28.7
183	133	Berry Bch Nbl♦	159 †	...	...	4.2	12.3
148	118	Bradstock	136	...	5.2	4.8	16.8
498	399½	Britannic	454	...	...	3.2	...
667	556	Com Union	613	+1	...	4.9	...
1750	1225	Dom & Gen	1745	...	...	1.6	23.1
50	18	FAI	49	...	...	...	...
741	546	Gen Accident	691	-2	26.7	4.8	...
230	160	GRE	206	-2	7.1	4.3	17.1
412	293	Heath C E	403	...	...	5.0	...
228	160	Hogg Gp	164	...	8.1	6.3	14.6
215	162	JIB Group	174	...	...	5.4	17.8
543	409½	Legal & Gen	493	-2	...	5.0	29.3
1092	768	Liberty Life	981	+11	...	10.8	19.1
464	403	Lloyds Abbey	438	-2	17.3	4.9	15.8
338	253	Lloyd Thomp	289	...	6.7	2.9	18.0
388	274	Londn & Man	358	-1	14.7	5.1	26.4
443	321	Lowndes Lmb	430	...	13.5	3.9	15.4
6743½	5350	Marsh McLn	5537½	+18½	...	...	...
130	76	Oriel	126	+3	...	3.2	...
72	50½	PWS	69	...	...	5.0	...
373	282½	Prudential	338	...	4.0	7.2	10.0
1138	800	Refuge	1008	-1	...	4.5	22.4
347	248	Royal	316	-2	32.2	4.0	27.9
204	150	Sedgwick	182	+2	...	2.6	...
261	119	Steel Burrill	145	...	...	4.1	22.4
89	48	Sturge Hldgs	68	+1	...	10.3	8.6
400	307	Sun Alliance	368	...	6.5	11.9	6.9
79	50	Trade Indemnty	79	-2	14.2	4.8	...
332	239	Transatlantic	314	+4	...	...	...
773	499	Utd Friendly	634	...	12.0	4.8	28.1
242	171	Willis Corroon	224	...	15.1	3.0	27.6
21	13½	Windsor	19	...	...	3.7	48.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1846	1348	Alliance	1760	+5	45.5	3.2	38.5
283½	226½	Amer Trust	267	...	5.2	2.4	55.4
426	304	Ang & O'seas	412	+5	6.8	2.1	52.3
156	124	BZW Conv	142	+½	7.8	6.9	∞
188½	133½	Bankers	183	+2	3.6	2.5	50.3
328	264	Baring Tribune	324	...	6.4	2.5	51.3
203	131	Berry Starq	202	...	2.2	1.4	65.7
110	96½	Br Assets	104	+1	4.2	5.2	∞
83½	57½	Br Empire Sec	82	...	0.9	1.4	∞
30	14	-do- Wnts	28	...	...	...	...
203	156	Br Inv	194	+2	4.5	2.9	43.7
197	130	Contl Asset	192	...	2.4	1.6	63.9
195	143	Derby Inc	147	...	...	12.1	8.8
280	195	-do- Cap	268	...	...	...	...
87	62	Drayton Blue	78	-2	8.4	13.5	8.7
85	35	-do- Eng Intl	76	-2	1.0	1.7	...
135	84	-do- Far East	132	+4	0.6	0.6	...
127	95	-do- Korea	124	+1	0.5	0.5	...
688	576	Dunedin Inc G	665	+1	...	4.8	30.6
100	81	-do- Japan	83	+2	...	...	...
55	38	-do- Warrants	40	+½	...	...	...
729	513	-do- Wwide	707	+1	9.5	1.7	72.8
292	222	Dundee & Lon	286	...	...	3.9	26.4
308	250½	Edinburgh	294 †	...	8.5	3.6	32.5
281	183	Electra Inv	275	...	0.8	3.1	57.5
191	141	Electric Gen	184	-1	3.1	2.1	57.5
114	85	English Scot	110	...	...	...	...
310	205	European Asset	307	...	...	...	...
133	77	Finsbury 'A'	130	...	...	2.3	39.9
307	248	Fleming Amer	286	...	3.0	2.9	41.8
219	190½	-do- Claver	214	...	0.8	0.4	...
340	212	-do- Contl	322	...	...	3.1	42.2
202	147	-do- Emrg	198	+2	2.7	1.0	...
362	213	-do- F East	350	...	...	3.0	40.0
331	246	-do- Fledg	327	+11	1.1	0.4	...
118	93	-do- Hi Inc	99	...	3.0	1.1	...
260	136	-do- Japan	219½	-1	...	5.6	16.9
291	250	-do- Merc	287½	+5½	0.4	0.3	∞
307	212	-do- O'seas	293	+2	6.7	2.9	61.5
273	203	Foreign & Col	262	+2	4.2	1.8	61.3
121	59½	-do- Emg Mkts	105	...	...	1.6	71.3
67	44	-do- Enterprise	66	...	0.2	...	...
233	164	-do- Eurotn	222	-½	0.4	0.8	...
131	87	-do- German	122	...	1.2	0.7	...
319	191	-do- Pacific	305	+1	0.5	0.5	...
168½	116	-do- Smaller	164½	+2	...	0.9	...
272	145	GT Japan	236	...	1.8	1.4	...
168	65	Genl Cons Cap	166	+11	...	0.7	...
123½	96½	-do- Inc	119	...	...	...	...
165	115	Govett Atu Smlr	151	...	...	9.6	11.4
116	94	-do- Emg Mkts	109	...	...	...	...
343	184	-do- Oriental	335 †	+8	0.9	0.4	...
286	207	-do- Strategy	287	+1	6.7	3.2	∞
408	340	Greenfriar	408	...	...	2.0	61.3
19	15	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
143	124	Inv Cap	139	...	...	4.7	26.5
94	77	J&S UK Smlr	94	+1	2.8	3.8	25.9
210	156½	Kleinwort Chrt	205½	+½	5.0	3.0	40.0
250	176	-do- O'seas	238	-2	3.3	1.7	67.6
142	108	-do- Smlr	136	...	...	3.2	33.0
690	540	Law Debenture	667	+2	18.5	3.5	33.3
202	164	Majedie	199	...	5.0	3.2	∞
282½	221	Merchants	220½	...	...	5.1	25.1
6687½	3700	Merrill Lynch	6125	-1	...	...	...
521	383	Monks Inv Tst	513	+75	...	...	...
141	105	Morg Gren Inc	130	+3	...	1.6	65.0
54	23	Do Warrants	47	+1	4.5	4.4	∞
60	39	Murray Euro	54	-1	...	...	...
23½	4½	Do Wts	18	...	0.1	0.4	...
362	282	Murray Income	345	...	...	...	...
361	265	-do- Intl	350	+1	10.9	3.9	32.9
417	263	-do- Small	416	+1	11.6	4.1	31.6
103	90	-do- S/C Inc	90 †	+2	...	1.3	...
135	73	-do- S/C Cap	117	...	...	14.7	∞
3150	2750	-do- S/C Uts	3150 †	+1	...	...	...
156½	142½	-do- S/C DP	156	...	...	4.2	∞
315	230	-do- Vent	309	...	...	...	...
93	68	Nthrop Inc	91	...	...	4.4	25.0
346	249	O'seas Inv Tst	340	...	6.7	9.4	16.8
484	295	Pacific Assets	471	+1	3.1	1.2	∞
389	187	Do Warrants	368½	+9	1.1	0.3	...
8300	7650	Personal Assets	8225	+8	...	...	...
170	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	162	...	19.0	2.9	48.6
122	108	River & Merc	122	...	1.1	0.9	...
465	350	Robeco	418	...	9.2	9.4	12.2
435	346	Rolinco	423	...	...	3.0	...
284	214	St Andrew Inv	284	...	...	1.8	...
160½	131	Scot American	153½	...	7.5	3.3	38.2
284	136	Scott Asian	280	-½	...	3.8	32.2
785	235	do Warrants	770	+5	...	...	...
83	63½	-do- Eastern	78½	+10	...	...	...
251	183	Scottish	223½	...	1.5	2.5	31.6
235½	178	-do- Mtge	223 †	+½	4.6	2.6	46.4
101	71	-do- Value	99	...	4.0	2.2	57.9
1648	1390	Second Allnce	1582	...	1.8	2.3	∞
93½	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	89½ †	+5	...	3.1	30.8
163	109½	Selective Asset	158	+2	3.2	4.0	29.3
38	14	Sphere Inv	33½	...	1.2	0.9	56.8
167	112	TR Far East	167	...	3.1	11.6	10.8
154	126	TR City Of Lon	150½	+4	...	3.8	31.5
150	110	TR Pacific	179	+1	...	4.0	32.8
39½	17	TR Property	35½	+3½	0.3	0.2	...
120	47	TR Tech Inv	100	...	0.9	3.2	37.2
199	146	TR Smlr Cos	188	+4	1.7	2.2	37.1
360	283	Temple Bar	344	...	...	2.5	43.5
109	69	Thrmtn Asian E	108	+1	13.2	4.8	25.9
79	54	Throgmorton	75	+4	0.5	0.6	...
530	363	Throg Dual Cp	495	...	2.3	3.8	30.6
242	178	USDC Invest	238	...	...	...	...
114	76½	Value Inc Tr	113½	+1	4.5	2.4	43.8
773	542	Whitbread Inv	764	...	4.0	4.5	23.1
225	181	Witan	215½	+1	16.5	2.7	40.0

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
455	269	Airtours	444	-1	7.7	2.2	15.7
64	42	Ald Leis	52	...	3.0	7.2	∞
415	194	Anglia TV	415	+16	...	2.8	19.2
103	63	Baldwin	87	...	...	4.6	11.8
252	192	Barr & W 'A'	239	...	10.0	5.2	15.4
1245	930	Boosey Hwks	1145	...	22.0	2.4	17.2
153	90	Border TV♦	138	...	...	3.0	12.4
16½	4½	Brent Walker	4½	...	...	...	...
80	48	Bristol Scotts	74	...	...	...	...
9	2½	Buckingham Int	6½	...	...	...	...
292	75	Campari	75	...	...	...	...
231	171	Capital Radio	215	-1	8.7	14.6	...
818	718	Carlton Comm	738	-1	5.2	3.1	24.8
215	158	Castle Comms♦	215	-6	17.7	3.0	21.8
2108	1615	Central TV	2055	+2	...	5.0	14.0
124	81	Chrysalis	114	...	34.0	2.4	22.4
590	470	Compass Gp	553	...	...	...	...
350	175	Eurocamp	322	-1	...	2.0	16.5
1180	360	Euro Disney	388	-1	9.7	5.5	9.2
8	3½	Euro Leisure	3½	-68	...	3.2	...
38½	18	Ex-Lands	32	...	...	...	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	288	...	...	1.4	...
378	255	First Leisure	257	...	10.5	4.6	...
588	298	GWR Gp♦	576	...	8.2	3.0	17.8
246	149	Grampian	235	...	...	1.7	29.7
22	4½	Greenwich Comm	18	...	6.1	3.2	16.3
95	19	HTV Group	87	-1	...	...	...
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	59	+1	...	...	38.6
12½	5½	Kunick	9½	-½	...	4.8	...
510	405	LWT Hldgs	508	+10	...	1.2	23.5
600	327	Man Utd	562	...	...	4.3	22.7
148	59	Owners Abrd	84	+2	3.9	5.8	6.7
77	33	The Pelican Gp	74	...	...	1.9	17.4
170	55	Prism Leisure♦	170	...	...	2.4	15.8
42	16	Quadrant Grp	39	...	...	...	...
327	274	Radio Clyde♦	315	-3	...	3.4	24.7
208	132	Ramsdens (H)	199	-2	...	2.8	20.4
553	480	Scot TV	440	+3	10.3	2.9	21.7
65	37	Southern Radio	56	-1	0.7	1.8	23.1
260	168	Stanley Leisure	248	...	4.3	2.2	19.6
10	5	Sunleigh♦	8	...	...	...	...
145	115	Sunset & Vine	129 †	...	3.5	3.4	19.7
420	345½	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.5	18.9
2½	1	Ticketing♦	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	108	...	...	2.4	5.6
56	46	Trans World♦	56	...	...	1.8	20.4
499	274	Ulster TV	473	...	12.0	3.2	14.5
109	62	Vardon	109	...	0.8	0.9	25.7
22	11	Wembley	17½	...	...	...	...
48	7½	Whitegate	38	-1	...	...	...
234	110	Yorkshire TV	206	+15	12.0	7.3	6.2
120	83	Zetters Gp	116	...	8.0	8.6	13.1

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5700	1800	Am Gold	5400	+225	...	4.0	27.4
1625	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1518½	-9½	...	6.1	7.9
2300	1125	Ang Am	2300	+75	...	3.0	20.0
32	8½	Anglo Pac Res♦	29	+½	...	...	...
193	33	Blyvoors	193	+8	...	...	...
46	18	Bracken	39 †	...	...	...	...
871	233	Buffels	812	+23	...	7.8	7.4
2½	1	Butte	2½	+½	...	...	...
748	546	CRA	686	-11	...	2.9	23.5
43½	11	Cluff Res	41½	...	...	...	...
1409½	782½	De Beers	1331½	+37½	...	3.6	18.3
165	37½	Deelkraal	139	+7	...	1.4	16.0
96	7	Doornfontein	69½	-½	...	...	...
913	388	Driefontein	841	+48	...	3.5	16.6
752	120	Durban	752	+56	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	160	+9	...	6.7	5.0
220	54	E Rand Prop	144	...	...	...	...
65	16	Eastern Trans	55	...	...	...	...
604	117	Elandsrand	469	-3	...	4.3	11.8
1031	292	FS Cons	1031	+34	...	2.5	11.5
80	8	FS Dev	64	+3	...	4.6	13.5
1675	725	GFSA	1494	+44	...	...	...
101	62½	Gencor	101	+4	...	2.6	25.9
64½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	50	...	...	8.7	∞
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	15½	...	...	2.7	20.4
187	49	Grootvlei	156	+7	...	...	...
360	78	Harmony	342	+20	...	6.4	9.8
435	87	Hartbees	379	+9	...	5.0	15.1
16½	8½	Inoco♦	15½	...	...	...	...
1010	491	Impala Plat	776	...	...	...	...
13½	6	Kenmare Res♦	9½	...	...	3.6	26.7
1080	332	Kinross	1014 †	+39	...	5.3	∞
913	319	Kloof	702	+40	...	3.0	9.9
137	25	Leslie	103 †	-1	...	10.1	∞
338	13	Loraine	227	...	...	...	...
950	620	Lydenburg	950	...	...	2.1	∞
116½	80	MIM	95½	...	...	2.3	46.4
1307	820	Minorco	1307	+34	...	3.0	15.4
149½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	145½	+½	...	3.3	23.9
2687½	612½	Orange Free	2687½	+62½	...	4.7	21.9
746	607	RTZ	642	-5	...	5.4	17.8
637½	425	Rand Mines	566½	+12½	...	7.6	∞
671	150	Randfontein	579	+2	...	4.9	8.7
192	115	Renison	179	-6	...	2.4	18.5
1200	850	Rustnbrg	1062½	...	...	3.1	∞
714	191	St Helena	714	+39	...	3.3	15.3
2168	475	Southvaal	2122	+111	...	2.6	38.8
119	18	Stilfontein	83	+3	...	7.5	15.1
201	58	Unisel	151 †	+13	...	4.4	∞
6225	1800	Vaal Reefs	6225	+300	...	3.0	∞
689	154	Welkom	689	+23	...	3.5	11.2
578	26	Western Areas	538	-2	...	4.7	21.7
2812½	587½	Western Deep	2812½	+84½	...	0.9	17.2
283	176	Wstrn Mining	251	...	...	2.2	13.7
1029	323	Winkels	964 †	+98	...	1.9	...
84	56	Zambia Copper	65	...	...	3.9	∞
68	18	Zandpan	55	...	...	5.5	18.6

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	238	...	...	...	...
135	95	Airflow Stream	120 †	...	3.0	3.1	11.6
153	78	Appleyard	132	...	...	4.9	...
335	203	Bletchley Mtr	310	...	...	3.7	15.8
192	130	Bostrom	185	...	6.0	4.1	20.6
468	165	Br Aerospace	441	-1	7.3	4.1	32.7
56	19½	Burndene	52	...	...	2.1	...
388	303	Caffyns	378	...	...	2.7	13.8
15	4½	Caverdale	14½	-½	11.5	3.8	76.5
143	98	Central Mtrs♦	135	...	...	...	...
29	18	Cook (DC)♦	27	...	...	3.7	34.3
267	156	Cowie (T)	238	...	...	2.8	15.3
141	86	Dag Motors	137	...	6.6	3.5	18.1
155	102½	Davnport Vern	149	...	5.7	5.2	24.8
330	155	ERF	327	...	...	3.4	18.8
145	92	European Mtr	130	+2	3.0	0.8	...
406	208	Evans Halshaw	402	-1	...	3.4	18.3
280	220	FR Group	220 †	...	11.4	3.6	61.9
4306½	2843½	Ford Motor	4175	+37½	...	4.1	10.2
3450	2143½	General Mtr	3450 †	+150	...	1.5	...
75	38	Gowrings	57	...	2.0	4.4	...
247	85	Henlys	240	...	3.5	1.8	...
1056	650	Honda Motor	937	...	...	0.9	...
30	15	Jacks (Wm)	30	...	...	...	...
108	66	Jessups	98	...	...	4.5	5.7
176	97	Kwik-Fit	166	...	...	2.6	23.5
420	281	Lex Service	401	+1	...	3.5	21.9
164	85	Lookers	149	...	6.2	5.2	...
181	126	Lucas	173	-3½	...	5.1	...
27½	21	Malaya Grp	27½	...	...	...	...
286	224½	Pendragon	257	-1	...	3.1	21.1
190	101½	Perry Gp	170	...	...	5.2	...
190	108	Quicks Group	165	...	...	3.6	21.1
169½	96½	Rolls-Royce	162	-1½	...	3.9	...
223	164	T & N	193	+3	...	7.0	27.5
256	163	Trinity Hldgs	245	...	...	2.9	22.7
175	125	Vardy (Reg)	170	...	...	3.1	23.8
253	121	Westland	224	...	4.2	2.4	19.8

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
193	103	Adscene	190	...	5.0	3.3	19.4
360	315	Black (A&C)	340	...	13.5	5.0	13.9
608	280	Blenheim Gp	347	-1	...	3.4	12.0
370	275	Bristol	349	...	...	...	...
£102	7775	Daily Mail	9700	+25	13.4	1.7	21.8
£101½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9600	...	13.4	1.7	21.6
355	251	Dorling Kind	347	...	3.3	1.2	∞
373	322	EMAP	342	+2	...	2.9	21.1
1350	873	Euromoney Pb	1350	...	38.0	3.6	∞
264	170	Harrington K	197	...	4.7	3.0	16.1
468	233	Haynes Pub	458	...	...	2.2	17.2
363	342	Hodder H'line	342	-5	5.1	1.9	20.1
140	99	Home Counts	110	-1	5.2	6.0	...
151	30	Intl Bus Comm	130	-2	...	...	18.8
14	6½	Intl Cm & Data♦	11	-½	...	...	...
425	240	Independent	425	...	...	2.9	22.9
580	395	Johnston Press	553	-2	6.5	1.5	23.0
325	243	Metal Bulletin	325	...	8.2	3.2	22.9
186	88	Mirror Gp	154	...	...	...	...
515	287	News Corp	453	-11	...	0.3	...
301	169	News Intl	263	-7	...	0.7	16.2
578	354	Pearson	534	+16	...	2.6	31.2
675	510	Portsmth Sund	611	...	...	1.9	16.9
784	618	Reed Int	748	-10	...	2.9	32.6
161	98	Southnews	161	+3	...	1.8	28.6
171	90	Sterling Pub♦	167	...	...	2.2	18.4
423	328	Telegraph	370	...	...	4.1	15.5
835	715	Thomson Corp	835	+10	...	1.8	41.7
395	313	Trinity Intl	341	+1	9.0	3.3	20.4
39	27	Unit Group♦	27	...	...	...	...
593½	480½	Utd Nwspapers	523	-12	...	5.1	14.5

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
32	17	Aran Energy	28½	-1	...	...	27.5
61	37	Arcon Intl♦	39	...	...	...	...
71	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	59	-3½	...	...	...
83	26	Aviva Pet	69	-1	...	...	...
16	6	Beverley	6½	...	...	...	64.6
223	145	Br Borneo	218	-3	7.1	4.1	6.6
348	226	British Gas	314½	-5	14.2	5.6	15.2
367½	225	Br Petroleum	359½	+2	8.4	2.9	28.1
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
821	675	Burmah Castrl	750	-3	...	5.5	17.5
68	32	Cairn Energy	50	-2	...	...	8.4
300	223	Calor Gp	287	-3	...	5.3	15.3
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	44½	...	...	...	...
44	27	Coplex Res	35	-2	...	...	...
23½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas♦	17½	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	461	-4	19.0	5.2	25.4
88	32	Exp Co Louis	36	...	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	24	-½	...	...	...
10½	4	Fortune	4½	-½	...	4.5	8.7
67	45	Goal Pet	62	...	...	...	...
48	18	Gt Western Res	41	...	1.4	2.8	11.9
181	104½	Hardy O & G	167	...	...	...	...
46	18½	Kelt Energy	41	...	...	0.7	15.5
195	128	LASMO	128½	-2½	...	3.2	26.0
103	63	-do- Units	70	...	9.4	16.9	...
24	4	Mid Scot Res♦	4	...	...	...	...
56	34	Monument	53½	...	...	...	...
9½	4	New London	9½	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	32	...	...	...	...
38	27	Oil Search	37	...	1.0	3.9	11.1
19½	11½	Petroz	16	...	...	...	...
157	99	Ptrs Pet	157	+9	...	...	...
29½	18	Premier	25½	...	...	...	...
115	50	Presidio	113	...	...	...	0.3
410	290	Ranger	396	...	...	5.9	...
7312½	5150	Royal Dtch Pt	7075	-175	...	4.1	...
4500	3600	Schlumberger	4137½	-21½	...	4.3	17.6
67	47	Seafield	60	...	...	1.9	...
727	515	Shell	704	-18	22.8	4.0	21.7
303	173	Sunrise Eng Sv	185	...	...	...	...
41	16	Triton Europe	17	...	...	...	...
15½	6	Villiers Grp	14½	...	...	...	...
208	135	Woodside	193	...	...	1.8	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
145	120	AG Holdings	145	...	...	4.5	13.1
351	249	API	351	...	8.2	2.9	30.6
229	144	Arjo Wiggins	222	...	...	3.7	35.9
543	408	Abbott Mead	537	...	9.5	2.2	28.2
30	13	Aegis Gp	20	...	...	...	...
232	118	Aspen Comms♦	129	...	...	...	...
20	7	BBB Design♦	18	...	...	4.7	11.7
409	234½	Bemrose	375	-3	...	3.0	16.4
30½	7½	Birkdale	9	+½	...	...	...
155	118	Bunzl	129	-2	4.0	3.9	19.5
382	257	CIA Gp	382	...	...	1.6	22.3
230	93	Capital Inds	179	...	...	2.5	17.1
85	44	City of Lon	85	+6	...	5.7	15.7
292	169	Cropper (James)	289	...	3.1	1.3	27.9
9	6	Crown Comm	6 #	...	...	...	...
95	51	Delyn Group	88	...	1.6	2.4	11.8
120	94	Dolphin Pack	113	...	4.5	5.0	27.0
87	42	Dudley Jenkins♦	76	+6	...	...	...
13	10½	Elswick	12½	...	...	5.1	17.3
74	41	Fairway Group♦	74	...	3.2	2.9	14.3
346	271	Ferguson Intl	340 †	...	...	5.5	21.8
110	92	Ferry Pick	110	...	...	4.6	15.4
152	74	Filofax	148	...	...	6.4	29.7
20	10½	Fitch	11	...	...	1.1	19.1
130	69	Gibbon Lyons♦	129	...	...	...	...
295	207	Gold Greenless	207	...	...	4.8	14.0
41	19	Goodhead	21	...	8.3	5.0	14.8
88	35	Hunterprint	37	...	0.5	3.0	...
185	136	Inderpoe	165	...	...	5.9	12.1
271	191	Jarvis Porter	270	...	...	2.2	25.2
32	15½	Lopex	25	...	...	...	...
39½	26	MDM	31	+½	...	...	...
346	175	Mnc O'Ferrall	332	...	13.2	5.0	39.7
133	48	NMC Group	111	-3	2.7	3.1	16.9
194	66	Osborne & Little	193	+5	...	3.0	21.2
525	455	Portals	498	...	...	3.7	17.0
3½	1½	Premier Hlth	2	...	...	...	...
286	159	Quarto	280	...	...	2.5	17.4
347	273	St Ives Gp	273	...	...	2.5	18.0
186	142½	Saatchi	177	+2	...	...	...
474	292	Sappi	321	+2	...	10.2	6.1
32	11½	Serif♦	19	-6	...	...	...
32½	14	Shandwick	24½	-1	...	...	...
397	294	Smith David	330	-3	...	3.8	17.3
295	206	Smurfit (Jeff)	244	-3	...	1.7	5.6
70	45	Somic	66	...	1.5	2.8	27.1
246	183	Star-Plus	211	...	8.4	5.0	18.8
28½	16½	Taylor Nelson	28	-½	0.3	1.5	23.4
83	38	VTR♦	82	+1	...	5.2	21.4
106	40	WPP	96	...	...	1.3	3.6
179	62	Wace	173	-2	...	0.7	...
265	203	Waddington (J)	245	-12	...	4.2	18.1
410	270	Watmough	393	...	...	1.9	30.8
7	4½	Westport♦	4½	...	...	...	...
34	12	Whitney Mcke♦	19	...	...	...	...
90	55	Wood (SW)	86	-1	...	1.8	18.4

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
116	41	Allied Lon	109 †	...	...	4.0	28.2
63	58	Arcadian	60 #	...	...	...	...
16½	4½	Ascot Hldgs	4½	...	...	...	...
135	52	Asda	132	-½	...	2.0	13.9
152	88	Avonside	138	...	4.1	3.7	19.3
2637½	2062½	BCE♦	2350	-12½	...	...	...
670	396	Bilton	650	...	18.9	3.6	23.5
110	23	Bourne End	97 #	...	1.0	1.3	...
236	150	Bradford	217	-7	5.8	3.4	21.7
23	5	Bredero	16	...	...	...	...
422	166½	Br Land	399	...	...	...	...
248	140½	Brixton	226	-2	...	2.2	36.4
89	42	Burford	86	...	...	4.7	17.9
187	99	Cap & Regnl♦	182	-½	...	1.9	...
230	120	Cardiff Prop	230	...	...	0.9	...
593	196	Chesterfield	585	...	2.4	1.3	...
43	12	City Site Ests	28	...	11.5	2.5	41.6
28	12	Clarke Nickolls	27	-3	...	...	...
548	300	Compco	300	...	...	...	...
51	34	Conrad Rblat GS	45	...	12.9	5.6	65.2
1385	818	Daejan	1385	...	...	2.4	17.1
3½	1½	Dares Estates	2	...	...	...	...
129	53	Debenhm Twsn	114	...	...	3.3	22.2
12	4	De Morgan	7	...	...	...	...
180	76	Dencora	180	...	3.0	2.1	...
635	263	Derwent Hldgs	608	-5	8.7	1.8	75.8
45	10	Development Sec	39½	...	...	...	...
58	25	Dwyer	57	...	...	...	...
381	170	Estates Agency	372	...	7.5	2.6	∞
22	7½	Estates Gen	19½	...	...	...	...
215	132	Evans Of Leeds	211	...	...	2.7	18.6
35½	11	Five Oaks	33	...	...	...	...
64	30	Fletcher King	63	...	1.0	2.0	41.7
490	276½	Frogmore	485	...	...	4.1	23.4
200	97	Grainger	198	...	5.2	3.3	44.3
233	116½	Gr Portland	216	...	...	4.7	20.4
38	7½	Greycoat	31	+1	...	...	...
192	101	HK Land	189	+7	...	...	...
84	35	Hambro Cnywr	62	-2	...	3.3	34.9
427	257½	Hammerson	397	+4	0.5	1.0	...
663	245	-do- 'A'	362	+5	10.0	3.1	40.2
292	127	Helical Bar	289	...	10.0	3.5	36.6
39	19	Hemingway	35	...	...	2.1	10.4
132	56	Herring Baker	60	...	...	...	...
153	133	Jermyn	133	...	3.7	7.8	15.1
740	435	Land Sec	711	+1	22.8	4.0	21.4
111	73	Lon Merch Sec	107	...	4.0	4.7	16.6
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	3½	...	...	...	...
537	315½	MEPC	499	+3	...	5.0	21.5
9	5	McInerney A	7½	...	...	...	...
145	90	McKay Secs	145	...	3.5	3.0	19.9
5	3	Markheath	4	...	...	...	...
74	12	Merivale Mre	64	...	...	...	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
48	29	Moorfield Es	46	...	...	...	...
1300	775	Mountview	1200	...	20.0	2.1	11.9
170	112	Mucklow (A&J)	170 †	...	...	4.5	26.5
46	30	Olives Prop	41	-2	...	...	...
10½	2½	Osprey Est	2½	-½	...	...	0.7
172	86	PSIT	163	-1	4.1	3.2	32.3
359	138	Peel	358	...	4.0	1.4	...
16	5	Power Corp	6	...	...	...	...
48	22	Property Trust	38	+1	...	...	10.8
75	40	Raglan	49	...	...	...	...
29	11	Regalian	22½	-½	...	...	...
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	130	...	1.5	1.5	34.5
50	16	St Modwen Prp	46	...	0.9	2.4	35.0
76	35	Savills	73	-1	...	1.7	28.9
113	74	Scot Met	91	...	...	2.1	∞
117	39	Shaftesbury	117	...	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	11	...	...	...	...
272	139½	Slough Estates	246	+1	...	...	5.8
87	54	Southend Prop	83	...	...	4.1	17.2
56	16	Stanhope Prps♦	34	...	...	3.6	...
226	114	Town Ests	225	...	...	...	...
137	79	Town Centre	134	-1	2.1	1.2	...
93	43	Trafford Park	88	...	...	3.2	23.6
56	17	UK Land	31	...	...	4.0	20.3
17	4	Union Square	8	...	...	...	...
271	180	Warner	269	...	10.4	4.8	24.6
219	168	Warnford	212	...	7.5	4.4	15.5
8	2	Watergiade	5	...	...	...	...
95	34	Wates	89½	...	...	...	...
76	40	Wood John D♦	66	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
28	11	Automagic♦	24	+1	...	...	...
183	84	Headlam	178	...	...	2.1	41.2
500	315	Lambert	355	...	13.2	4.7	8.7
100	44	Pittards	55	...	1.5	3.4	15.7
30	20	Strong & Fisher	23	...	1.0	5.4	6.4
211	89	Stylo	211	+1	...	1.8	...
66	53	UK Safety	63 †	...	...	5.2	2.1

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
521	408	Allied Text	518	...	12.7	3.1	16.6
69	54	Beckman (A)	57	-1	3.5	7.9	∞
41	21	Bolton Gp	33	...	...	...	...
170	141	Br Mohair	170	...	...	...	...
53	15	Chartwell♦	40	...	8.5	6.2	15.9
364	298	Claremont Ga	350	...	...	...	...
601	522	Courtauld Text	575	...	7.5	2.7	21.9
53½	24½	Cupid♦	27	+1	13.9	3.0	15.7
248½	187	Dawson	187	-2	...	6.0	14.2
47	22	Drummond	40	...	...	...	...
84	65	Faupel♦	83	...	...	7.4	12.9
24	15	Foster (John)	19	-1	...	...	...
133	82	Gaskell	119	...	4.2	4.5	...
223	156	Hicking Pntcst	218	...	...	2.3	16.9
90	45	Jerome (S)	71 †	-1	...	0.4	...
422	249	Lamont	421 †	...	12.0	3.6	27.8
515	353½	Leeds	499	...	...	1.9	24.1
64	15	Lister	58	...	0.1	0.2	...
122	73	Lyles (S)	86	...	...	4.8	...
215	89	Magellan	215	...	1.4	0.8	...
234	69	Parkland 'A'	213 †	...	3.0	1.8	...
102½	82	Readicut	97	...	...	4.4	18.3
66	35	SEET	56	...	...	...	...
147	72	Sirdar	135	...	...	5.0	9.3
72	44	Stirling Gp	72	...	1.8	3.2	17.6
51	37	Stoddard	45	...	...	4.2	41.8
312	250	Tomkinsons	285	-4	11.5	5.0	24.6
62½	32½	West Trust	33½	...	2.5	9.3	∞
217	126	Yorklyde	208 †	...	...	3.2	13.6

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
507	407	BAT	505	+5	...	4.8	15.1

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
517	349	Assoc Br Ports	484	+5	...	2.3	...
905	702	BAA	898	-1	...	2.2	22.3
401	249	Br Airways	395	-3	...	3.4	19.0
110	56	Clarkson (H)	95	...	1.7	2.3	...
23	23	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	455	...	...	...	...
82	44	Fisher (James)	80	...	0.5	0.8	21.5
217	147	IoM Steam	207	...	...	5.1	10.9
38	24	Jacobs (JI)	34	-1	0.5	1.8	...
101	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	97	+1	...	1.4	17.8
445	284	Mersey Docks	435	-10	...	2.6	28.6
271	181	Natl Express	261	-1	...	3.4	27.0
284	230	NFC	241	-3	6.5	3.4	18.3
343	244	Ocean Group	329	+1	...	5.4	...
73	40	Ocean Wilson	65 †	...	4.0	7.7	11.8
676	504	P & O Dfd	537	-10	...	7.1	29.1
194	127	P & O 5 1/2%	186	-1	...	3.7	...
621	448	Powell Duffryn	603	-3	...	4.7	23.4
225	117	Seacon♦	213	...	...	3.2	13.4
163	112	Stagecoach	143	...	...	3.3	∞
81½	31½	TNT	74½	+1	...	...	...
773	624	Tibbet & Brittn	755	-3	12.6	2.1	29.0
382	90	Tiphook	94	+1	...	25.7	...
298	227	TDG	272	...	...	4.4	9.0

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
565	455	Anglian Water	506	+1	...	5.4	10.0
347	244	Mid Kent Hdgs	347	...	...	3.8	12.8
702	547	Northumbrian	658	-9	...	4.4	6.7
567	431½	North West	515	+2	...	5.2	9.2
578	439	Severn Trent	527	+2	...	5.0	8.4
617	454	Sthrn Water	563	...	...	4.7	9.4
1605	1225	Sth Staffs	1515	...	47.0	3.9	10.8
622	465	South West	566	+1	...	5.2	9.3
584	454	Thames Water	528	+8	...	5.2	10.2
681	506	Welsh Water	625	-3	...	4.7	6.3
695	536	Wessex Water	629	-8	...	4.3	9.5
593	473½	Yorkshire W	538	-3	...	4.9	9.1

Source: Finstat

♦ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ↓ Ex all; ¶ Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

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SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
102	100	Treas 8½% 1994	100	...	8.44	5.44
109¼	102	Treas 14½% 1994	102	-	14.12	5.50
109	103	Exch 13½% 1994	105	...	13.02	5.41
105	102	Treas 10% 1994	102 xd	...	9.74	5.39
110	105	Exch 12½% 1994	105	...	11.86	5.34
105	103¼	Treas 9% 1994	103¼ †	...	8.69	5.31
111	107	Treas 12% 1995	107	-	11.15	5.37
97¼	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	97 xd	+	3.08	4.79
109	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	107¼	...	9.51	5.41
116½	113½	Treas 12¾% 1995	113½ †	-	11.21	5.46
120	117	Treas 14% 1996	117	-	11.94	5.55
125¼	121½	Treas 15¼% 1996	122 †	...	12.50	5.62
120	115¼	Exch 13¼% 1996	117¼ †	...	11.26	5.64
112	108¼	Conv 10% 1996	111 †	-	8.97	5.82
122	118½	Treas 13¼% 1997	120	-	10.96	5.98
114	110	Exch 10½% 1997	113	...	9.27	5.96
109	105½	Treas 8¾% 1997	109	...	8.01	6.02
132	127	Exch 15% 1997	130¼	...	11.51	6.21
113	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	112¼	...	8.65	6.24
104	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	104	...	6.95	6.13
104	101	Treas 7¼% B 1998	104	...	6.96	6.14
101¼	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101 xd	...	6.64	5.99
129	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	129 †	...	10.84	6.48

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138	129	Treas 15½% 1998	137¼	+	11.24	6.35
124¼	118¼	Exch 12% 1998	123 †	...	9.73	6.49
114¼	108	Treas 9½% 1999	113¼	...	8.39	6.44
126¼	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	125¼	...	9.77	6.58
119	112	Treas 10½% 1999	118 xd	+	8.87	6.49
119	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	118 †	-	8.67	6.57
113	106	Conv 9% 2000	112¼	...	7.99	6.53
133¼	125¼	Treas 13% 2000	132	+	9.80	6.81
119	109	Treas 10% 2001	118	...	8.47	6.82
119	108¼	Treas 9¾% 2002	118	-	8.25	6.94
109	97¼	Treas 8% 2003	108 †	-	7.41	6.85
122	109¼	Treas 10% 2003	121	-	8.25	6.98
126¼	116¼	Treas 11½% 2001-04	125	+	9.20	7.07
81	69	Fund 3½% 1999-04	79	-	4.39	6.11
120	105¼	Conv 9½% 2004	118 †	-	8.03	7.07
120¼	105¼	Conv 9½% 2005	118	-	8.01	7.10
138	124¼	Treas 12½% 2003-05	136 †	-	9.15	7.30
107	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	106	...	7.55	7.07
131	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	129	...	9.07	7.27
112¼	97¼	Treas 8½% 2007	111	-	7.63	7.17
146¼	131¼	Treas 13½% 2004-08	144¼	-	9.34	7.30

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
117¼	101¼	Treas 9% 2008	116	-	7.74	7.19
109	92	Treas 8% 2009	107	-	7.45	7.21
118¼	100¼	Conv 9% 2011	117	-	7.67	7.23
119	100¼	Treas 9% 2012	118	...	7.62	7.22
87¼	70¼	Treas 5½% 2008-12	86¼	+	6.37	6.81
103¼	86	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	106	+	7.30	7.15
109	93	Treas 8% 2013	108	+	7.39	7.21
149	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	147 xd	+	8.11	7.38
118¼	97¼	Treas 8¾% 2017	117	+	7.46	7.21

UNDATED

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
49¼	38¼	War Ln 3½%	48 †	+	7.21	...
34¼	27	Treas 2½%	33	+	7.37	...

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
136	131¼	Treas IL 2% 1994	136¼ †	-	...	...
203¼	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	202	-	1.41	2.28
112	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	112 †	-	1.65	2.26
172	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	171	-	2.57	2.93
169¼	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	167 xd	-	2.74	3.03
115¼	105¼	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	114	-	2.80	3.08
179¼	159¼	Treas IL 2% 2006	178	-	2.78	3.00
163	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	161 †	-	2.95	3.14
170¼	149	Treas IL 2½% 2011	169	-	3.00	3.17
140	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	139	-	3.04	3.20
151	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	149	-	3.08	3.23
146¼	126	Treas IL 2½% 2020	144¼	-	3.12	3.25
123¼	103¼	Treas IL 2½% 2024	121¼	-	3.12	3.24
123	103¼	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	121	-	3.14	3.27

Solve the problems before they happen

As more companies come to rely on computers, so it is vital to spot the risks in advance, David Guest writes

Harry S Truman, the 33rd president of the United States, famously decorated the presidential desk with a sign that read: "The buck stops here." His taste for pithy comment also included the assertion: "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen."

Senior managers of information technology are likely to find the buck increasingly heading in their direction as the extent of their organisations' dependence on successful IT operations grows. For the sake of their careers, it is time these IT managers and project leaders started to look for a way of sharing the heat.

"People are losing their jobs left, right and centre because they foul up or because a project goes wrong," says John Lane, a principal consultant in Hoskyns' project systems division.

"It is not going too far to talk about sackings or people being moved sideways or otherwise earmarked as scapegoats. It is difficult to sack people, but not to move them sideways and then ease them out gradually."

Among specialists in information technology, projects that are completed on time and within budget are acknowledged rarities. Although the level of skill and experience of specialists continues to grow, they face two problems: IT has become so central to many companies that the health of an organisation might depend critically on the success of a project while at the same time, the complexity of computer systems, and especially communications technology, continues to grow at a relentless pace.

In the same way that the level of computer fraud is difficult to judge because organisations are reluctant to reveal their systems as insecure by reporting breaches, the number of failed projects is unknown. "Every organisation has disasters in-house that they do not own up to," says Mr Lane.

The most visible disasters tend to come in the public sector, where it seems whistles are more likely to be blown, or from failures of enormous proportions. Recent examples include the very public cases at the London Ambulance Service and Wessex Regional Health Authority, and the failure of the Stock Exchange Taurus project, which will have had many IT specialists thinking that there but for the grace of God.

In the Wessex case, IT director Rosemary Storrs chose to leave the computer technology field altogether as a result. Earlier this year she said she planned to return to law, the subject in which she originally graduated.

But a parliamentary inquiry into the Wessex affair found that Ms Storrs was one of the few people to emerge with any credit from its investigations.

Mr Lane says that a manager's competence is not always his or her most reliable defence against the failure of a project.

"People can inherit problem projects," he says, "or the corporate culture might be one in which executives say 'we know what the risks are' without wondering why those risks arise."

He adds that the computer industry has made an unwitting contribution to the problem with its provision for greater efficiency from IT specialists. "When companies introduce methodologies or computer-assisted software engineering tools, they could be just a means of making the mistakes quicker."

Most companies that take any action on monitoring and managing the risk of failure in IT projects do so in the wrong way, he claims. "Organisations either do it and then don't use the results or too often they will perform a kind of risk assessment up-front and not repeat it, despite the fact that circumstances change as a project develops.

"Project managers get a gut feeling that something isn't right, but if they can't put their finger on what it is, they aren't going to be able to convince others and get anything done about it."

To help managers identify developing problems, the computer industry supplies programs aimed at risk management. Hoskyns has Project Risk, a program that runs on personal computers. Other suppliers include risk management as an element of project management packaged programs.

The main purpose of using a computer system to monitor risks and prompt counter-measures is to bring all the relevant factors out into the open.

Responsibility that might otherwise have been laid solely at the door of the information technology manager or project manager can then be seen either to be a shared one or to have derived from elsewhere — a board decision about deadlines, for example.

Risk management software is designed to reduce the risk of failure in projects. There is no reason, though, why project managers should not use it to guard their backs.

Bucks can sometimes be legitimately passed, and heat can be dissipated by being shared. If IT managers can't stand the heat, they should perhaps look for a way of turning it down.

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INFOTECH

Rabbit's £100m write-off

The decision to end Hutchison's telepoint service seemed inevitable, says Matthew May

There was a lot of "I told you so" going on among telecommunications people this week after Hutchison Whampoa, Hong Kong, announced that it will axe its Rabbit telepoint service at the end of next month.

Experience might have taught that the concept of telepoint in Britain — a mobile phone that cannot receive incoming calls and requires users to be within 200 yards of a base station to make outgoing ones — is flawed.

Rabbit's attraction was that it was much cheaper than a standard mobile phone; as new competition forced down the price of mobile services, this advantage was quickly eroded.

Three other telepoint services — Callpoint, Phonepoint and Zonephone — had been tried in Britain. But within two years, all were shut down, having lost the support of companies behind them, which included BT and Mercury, and a total of £90 million.

Hence the industry, analysts and observers were astonished when, despite these failures, Hutchison Telecom decided to try telepoint again in July last year.

But even the more sceptical were surprised both by the amount the ill fated venture cost Hutchison, around £100 million, and the small number of subscribers it had attracted — 9,000 compared to a modest target of 60,000, less than one user per base station.

Other mobile phone companies, however, do not see the failure of Rabbit as a warning, arguing that its limitations never really made it a competitor.

Mecury One 2 One, the company which two months ago started a new service within an area bounded by the M25, is keeping the number of its subscribers a closely kept secret but claims it is well ahead of target. Similarly, Cellnet and Vodafone, both reported a record net number of new subscribers signing up last month — each gained more than 20,000.

Any problem for these companies is less likely to be with attracting an adequate number of subscribers but continuing to make enough money out of them, as competition forces prices down.

Peter Purton, the editorial director of the specialist publishers, Telecom Europa, says: "Rabbit proves that a licence to run a mobile phone network is no longer a licence to print money."

One of the differences from previous telepoint services was that some Rabbit phones could be used as a high-quality cordless phone at home as well as a mobile when near a base station. The cost, however, was £200.

"Rabbit did not fail for the want of trying," Mr Purton says. "Huge amounts of money were spent on the technology and for call quality it was very good."

"But Hutchison was giving out a confusing message to customers as it was trying to push the idea of a cheap mobile phone network and at the same time this idea of a hybrid cordless phone.

"The lesson for other operators must be that making the message clear can make all the difference. This is especially true of the complicated pricing for these services at the moment. Where those who are only marginally interested get confused, they just won't bother".

Telepoint is working in some countries, however, particularly in Hong Kong where Hutchison says its Tien Dey Seen telepoint network has more than 70,000 subscribers after one and half years of operation — only slightly longer than Rabbit. Its success has been ascribed to the density of the population — relatively few base stations provide a wide degree of coverage within the colony.

All of the three telepoint operators in Hong Kong also offer a simulated way for subscribers to receive incoming calls using pagers. Calls to a telepoint phone activate a pager and if subscribers are within range of a base station they can connect with the caller by pressing one button on the phone.

Possibly of more relevance to Britain is that a Parisian telepoint service, Le Bi-Bop, has signed up more than 20,000 people since its launch six months ago. It has been promoted as a fashion item, works on the Metro and has the backing of France Telecom. It has been testing a simulated two-way service.

Rabbit had also been testing a pager-based two-way service in London, which was due for launch next year. Whether this sort of improved telepoint service could ever work here will be known only if any other company is prepared to take a £100 million gamble.



End of the line for Rabbit telepoint users, despite a £100m investment

ONLINE

Robots see the lights

ROBOTS may soon be able to see with their own "eyes", at least as well as bees do, and move around without the need for large, costly computers.

Scientists at the University of Adelaide and Canberra's Australian National University say they have developed a retina chip which mimicks many aspects of insect vision and can be installed for 10 per cent of the cost of existing systems. The retina chip paves the way for mobile robots, from vacuum cleaners to those working in nuclear reactors.

New boundaries

THE end of Cocom, the international body which for more than four decades policed the export of sensitive technology, is likely to be announced within a few weeks.

It will be replaced with an organisation which could include among its members Russia, thus re-drawing the map of banned destinations for high technology. Last week Cocom members — all 16 NATO countries except Iceland, plus Australia and Japan — met in Norway to discuss the new controls on exports of militarily-useful technology.

Jaguar drive

NEXT month Atari, inventor of the first video game, is to start selling a powerful games machine in the United States called Jaguar, aimed at grabbing market share from the Japanese who dominate video games. The machines will retail for £170, including one game cartridge, and process 100 times as much screen data at one time as the 16-bit games machines, and twice as much as a new generation of 32-bit machines.

Early next year Atari will sell a £135 add-on device that will play audio compact discs and CD-based games. The machine is set for European launch in the spring.

Air gamble

NORTHWEST Airlines has asked the United States Congress to allow gambling on international routes so it can compete with the casino games of Virgin Atlantic and Singapore Airlines.

Gambling could be added to an interactive video system that Northwest has installed on six of its planes. Passengers would activate the games with cards purchased at the gate or from flight attendants, and redeem their winnings on arrival.

Heart beats

PHYSICIANS in Atlanta are working with the first holograms of the living human heart, giving them the chance to explore the three-dimensional images inside and out. The life-sized image hovers, with vessels and valves, in front of a computer screen, and can be "pierced" with a viewer's hand.

IBM in switch

THE world's biggest computer company is changing the way it designs its biggest computers. IBM has announced plans to build mainframe computers and other large systems around dozens or hundreds of the small chips powering personal computers.

The so-called parallel processing design will result in less-expensive but still-powerful mainframes that take up less space and use less energy. Mainframe sales, IBM's largest single source of revenue, have slowed as users have defected to smaller, cheaper machines and networks offering equivalent power.

IBM is not abandoning traditional mainframe design, which is based on one or a few large processor chips. The parallel design will be incorporated by 1996 in its important System 390 large computers.

On Tuesday, the company demonstrated prototypes of parallel-based machines that handle specific tasks. Other makers of big computers have started selling machines based on the smaller chips.

IBM's move, expected for several months, is a sign that the company, which has lost billions and undergone a huge restructuring chiefly because of slower mainframe sales, is adjusting to a changed market.

Critics say IBM should have moved to a new mainframe design faster. But others note that it faced a huge challenge to ensure that software running on a different design would work with existing programs and data in which large customers have invested heavily.

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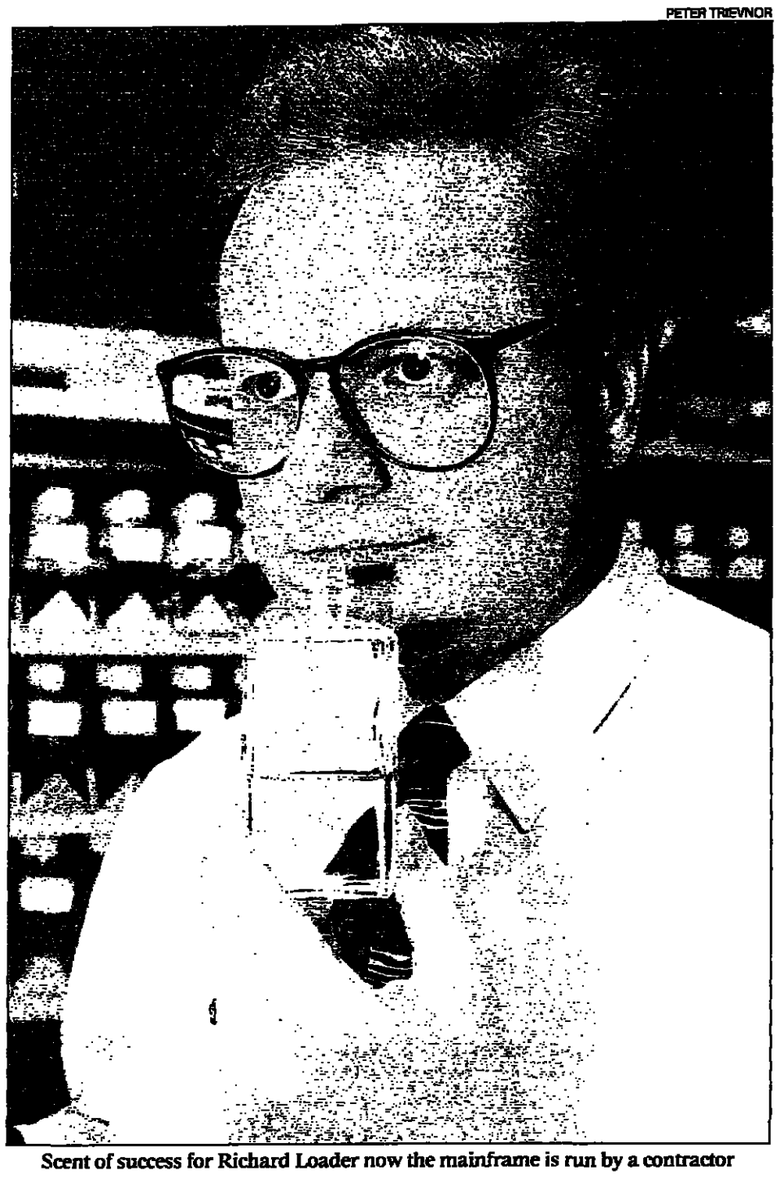
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Spiralling costs have forced companies to engage specialist help, says **Pat Sweet**

Outsider cuts the hassle

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Scent of success for Richard Loader now the mainframe is run by a contractor

Faced with spiralling computing costs, the difficulties of finding specialist staff and the prospect of being left with outmoded technology, many companies are choosing to hand their information technology problems on to someone else.

A survey by the research organisation Input estimates that the British market for IT outsourcing and facilities management — where some or all of a company's internal computer or telecommunication operations are run by a third party — will grow by 23 per cent a year between now and 1998.

"Companies are much more interested in measuring what IT delivers to the business and how well it supports strategic objectives," says Trevor Clarke, chairman of PCL, which specialises in handling data capture requirements for companies such as the Prudential. "If the actual technology can be provided more cost-effectively by someone else, then fair enough."

This was the case at Quest International, a Unilever subsidiary which is the second largest perfume producer in the world. Eighteen months ago demands for 24-hour operations, a move to open systems and the need to improve disaster-recovery arrangements led to the company signing an outsourcing management contract with Data Sciences.

"Since they are now running the mainframe, that's left me free to focus entirely on the new open systems development," says Richard Loader, Quest's systems development manager. "The facilities management deal has created the time and space to think through the things we really should be spending effort on as a company."

Suppliers agree that as more companies turn to outsourcing, their demands increase. "We are no longer required simply to manage the status quo. Today, the expectation is that services will improve and costs will reduce," says Peter Falconer, senior manager at Hoskyns whose outsourcing clients include Hoover and Woolworths.

Five years ago, most companies saw a outsourcing contracts as the solution to a specific problem, such as changing computer architecture or moving location. The supplier ran the old systems while the customer's staff went on to the new. Now companies are looking for longer-term partnerships with suppliers who will tackle a much wider range of activities, including maintenance of newly-developed software applications.

The move to "downsizing", with companies often swopping mainframes and minicomputers for a network of personal computers, has produced outsourcing opportunities for suppliers who can handle desktop services. This covers everything from checking that PC software is licensed to working out the best approach to networking PCs.

Tom Butler is managing director of EDS-Scicon, the company which pioneered the outsourcing concept in America 25 years ago. He challenges the traditional idea of facilities management as primarily a means of converting a variable cost with unknown risks into a fixed-price contract where the supplier can achieve economics of scale.

"Outsourcing now is much more about how to manage information services as a whole. We are just starting to see companies enter into much more creative partnerships where they are teasing out very good service arrangements for themselves," Mr Butler says.

One such example is the London Stock Exchange which is 18 months into a five-year deal with Andersen Consulting designed to allow it to switch to a new generation of applications funded by the savings made from outsourcing the existing systems.

"When we started we were spending £50 million a year on our computer operations and costs were rising rapidly," says Jane Barker, the Stock Exchange's chief operations officer. "We also needed to replace the systems put in at the time of Big Bang, which had been added to and altered and were expensive to maintain."

"We've gone for a co-sourcing venture where we both share the risk. Because we are not paying a risk premium, as we would in a conventional FM deal, we can take all the savings."

Commercial companies' enthusiasm for outsourcing is now being matched by the public sector in the push to market testing of services among local authorities and government departments.

Westminster Council, for instance, has signed a £38 million seven-year contract with ITnet to manage and support its computer services. It estimates it will save £11 million by doing so.

Later this month the Inland Revenue is expected to announce that the management of some of its data centres and processing activities will be outsourced.

As the opportunities for outsourcing grow, so do the numbers of suppliers.

Patrick Whale is senior IT partner with KMPG Management Consulting, which advises companies on the pros and cons of this approach. He says: "It's a very turbulent market. Everyone is jumping in, which has led to oversupply. Not all the current suppliers are going to survive."

The changes that make staff uneasy

Employees are nervous about being bought and sold.

But often that is how they view outsourcing

One of the biggest obstacles to outsourcing can be persuading staff to make the move from the devil they know to the devil they don't.

People can take the attitude that they are being bought and sold. They are therefore likely to be apprehensive about the security of their salaries and privileges.

After all, the object of the excercise is to make economies, and staff will fear that terms and conditions of employment will be the first target of their new employers.

At first, people taken on by the outsourcing contractor are protected by the TUPE regulations — Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employees). These rules, part of a European directive, were recently enshrined in the Trade Union Reform Act.

John O'Sullivan of Computer People, an information technology recruitment consultancy, says the effect of the regulations is that in any such move, outsourced staff will have nothing to lose.

"The effect can be either to remain the same or be beneficial", he says. "although you are never sure whether in the medium or longer term the new employer will want to reduce numbers. But the main effect is a psychological one — it is a big upset suddenly finding yourself working for someone else, albeit in the same role. People who do not want to go to the new employer do come to us, but I have not come across anyone who made the jump then regretted it.

"The downside is that the things that are outsourced tend to be the least exciting, such as maintenance, so an individual could be left with the rotten jobs." Mr O'Sullivan therefore advises companies against going too far and outsourcing any functions that are too close to a company's core business.

"We are now starting to see the implications of outsourcing critical areas such as development," he says. "It is difficult, for example to put a value on a team of programmers who rescue programs that suddenly fail."



According to Andrew Warren, who is responsible for outsourcing at Hoskyns, a computer services company, the main difficulty in absorbing staff is allowing for terms and conditions that are usual in the sector from which they came but which are not standard in the computer services industry.

> Despite fears of job losses, the union has to take a pragmatic attitude

"If you are looking at the public sector, for example", Mr Warren says, "the terms and conditions are very different from what we would expect in the computer services business."

Mr Warren emphasises the need for dealing with every individual as a separate case, including counselling on the move. For example, to protect pension rights, someone near retirement may need to be seconded rather than have his employment transferred.

Mr Warren says that more than 90 per cent of the staff at operations taken over by Hoskyns have moved with their jobs. Unions usually oppose outsourcing on principle, seeing it as a way to axe jobs, cut benefits and to reduce the salaries of those that are left.

John Townsend, an official of the Banking, Insurance and Finance Union (Bifu), works at the TSB, which has outsourced four of its computer and communications systems, including the network that links the bank with its subsidiaries. This was outsourced to Mercury Communications last year. Computer maintenance went to Computacenter.

He says: "The legislation states that staff move to the new company on exactly the same conditions, but unfortunately it does not say for how long the conditions must be maintained, and this has not been tested."

Although none of the TSB outsourcing deals seem to have resulted in job losses or draconian pay cuts as yet, Mr Townsend fears that the staff that used to be able to call on his union are now on their own.

He says: "The people are moving from a unionised to a non-unionised environment, so their position is weaker."

Bifu cannot even keep the outsourced staff as members, because they are moving out of banking and technically into other areas — in the case of the people transferred to Mercury, to telecommunications. All Mr Townsend was able to do was to recommend that they join the National Communications Union, which is struggling to gain recognition at Mercury.

Despite the fears of job losses and loss of members, Mr Townsend says the union takes a pragmatic attitude. "Although we are not in favour, and would prefer jobs to be kept in-house when we consider that opposing outsourcing would not be successful, we try to get the best terms we can for our members."

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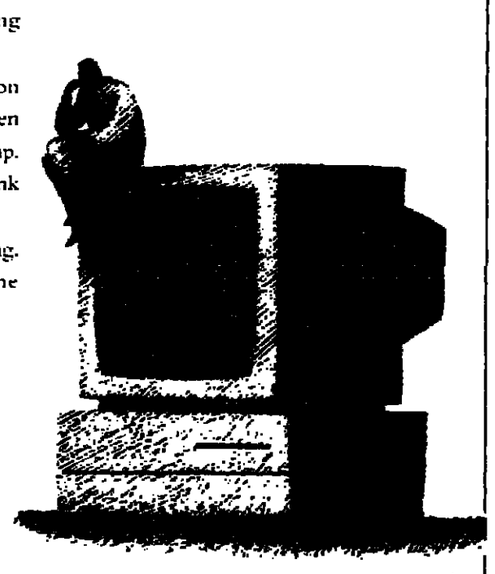
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Incentives to succeed

Getting the most from outsourcing takes careful planning, but can be rewarding



Drilling deep for maximum profits, oil companies like BP are turning to outsourcing

They all say they can do it. But it may only be a handful that match your expectations. Choosing an outsourcing company is not easy.

Every leading company in the computer industry, and on its periphery, now supplies outsourcing. The hardware manufacturers have all increased their efforts to gain a share of the outsourcing market now that revenues from traditional sales have fallen. Large software houses are also involved in this lucrative trade, as are management consultants.

An outsourcing company's track record might look good; most suppliers will claim a lifetime of outsourcing know-how. Yet in a report to be published in February by Business Intelligence, the research and conference company, nearly one-third of the 160 organisations interviewed were less than satisfied with some or all of their outsourcing contracts.

The rewards of successful outsourcing, however, can be huge. The principle reason for outsourcing is financial. You can better control, and possibly reduce, your spending on computing through outsourcing. Economic conditions are generating pressure to reduce staff numbers: outsourcing can be one way of doing this.

It is true that if a computer department is using too many staff, or the wrong tools, then an outsourcing provider may be able to cut costs. It is also true, however, that there will be limited scope for improvement if the same department is already being run efficiently. The in-house operation will also have a considerably better knowledge of the business than any outside supplier, making a convincing argument against outsourcing.

However, when the Co-operative Wholesale Society (CWS) contacted outsourcing companies, they estimated that the distribution and warehouse business could save between 20 and 25 per cent of its annual IT costs by outsourcing the running of its Salford data centre.

Having already gone through a series of cost-cutting exercises of its own, CWS turned to those outsourcing companies which had responded to an invitation to tender.

"We showed them where we'd be at the end of '92 and asked them how much it would cost them to run the business in 1993 against our own projected estimates," says Stan Seales, then CWS computer services manager.

After a five-month evaluation period, the CWS eventually outsourced its computer operations, service control and technical services to CFM, which relieved the CWS of an 18-year lease on its premises and raised cash for the assets within its buildings.

"We had no more fixed computing costs to worry about. Everything became variable. There were also better staff prospects for the 72 people, including myself," says Mr Seales, who is now CFM's technical services manager.

The second reason for outsourcing coincides with a trend towards focusing on core businesses. Some companies are going further than outsourcing the computer system and are outsourcing entire business functions.

Oil companies, like other large organisations, stand to gain much from this approach. The BP group has just outsourced its "non-core" IT activities to the Sema Group in a deal thought to be worth about £40 million over five years. Sema is taking responsibility for the complete range of BP's technology services, other than networking. This involves BP Exploration and Production and BP Corporate IT operations in Stockley Park and London.

The IBM and Digital Equipment computer facilities which were previously operated by BP in Glasgow and Harlow have been relocated into Sema Group's existing computer centres in Hemel Hempstead and Glasgow.

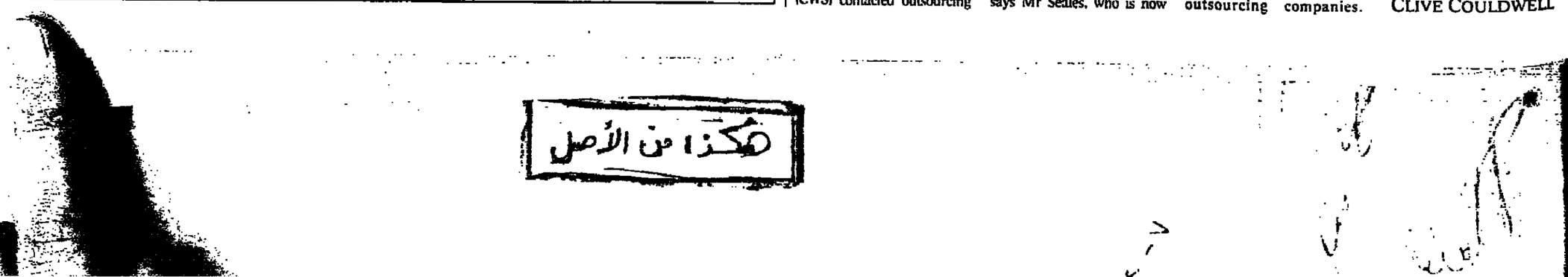
However, BP has also turned to two other outsourcing companies. Syncordia, BT's network outsourcing subsidiary, is to manage the delivery of voice, data, video and messaging services to the BP sites. And Science Applications International, a San Diego company with a large UK operation, will provide IT services to BP's Aberdeen centre.

"Historically, the fragmentation involved with sub-contracting had not brought us the benefits we'd wanted," says George Fish, managing consultant in the IT Department at BP Exploration and Production. "There would inevitably be cracks between packages of work, which meant the day-to-day management became very time-consuming."

BP keeps the outsourcing companies — each well-known for its particular area of expertise — on their toes with a risk/reward arrangement, performance targets geared to quality and cost of the service being provided to BP.

"They have been given a powerful incentive to satisfy BP's requirements. We didn't want an adversarial relationship," says Mr Fish.

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Mapping out the future

David Hewson charts the sometimes difficult route to outsourcing taken by the Ordnance Survey

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Bryan Nanson's staff found tendering for OS's computer services 'a very trying time'

From the beginning of next year, the business information networks behind the day-to-day operations of Ordnance Survey will reside on another company's mainframe computer, halfway across the country from the organisation's Southampton base.

Staff using the system will notice no difference, but the data will come to them through a landline link instead of over an in-house network. And the bills the system incurs are about to be drastically reduced.

Ordnance Survey, or OS, intends to make "substantial" savings on its IT costs through handing over its business information system to a mainframe computer operated by CFM, the ICL subsidiary in Warwick.

It is only the third government organisation to elect for outsourcing, after the defence ministry, which has outsourced a payroll centre, and the export credit guarantees department.

The move was decided after a year-long market testing exercise on its computer services operations. These cover fairly conventional business information systems, but also a sophisticated mapping database of the United Kingdom, which OS uses as the base for its chart products.

Ordnance Survey is a world leader in charting technology and can now print custom maps for clients whenever they are needed, using the geographical databases and customised client information.

At the end of the test, an in-house team won the bid to retain all the organisation's Unix-based systems with the remaining services being outsourced.

Bryan Nanson, the head of information and computer services for OS — and chairman of the market-testing project team which decided on the changes — says that though the exercise has proved cost effective and a good management discipline for the organisation, it has taken its toll on staff morale. Most of the 18-strong in-house information technology team will remain to work on the services retained in-house, though some will move to other jobs.

"It has been a very trying time for people in the team," Mr Nanson says. "In a way, I think they felt I let them down by going for market testing. But it was our brief to reduce the cost of our computer operations while maintaining their quality."

As part of the market testing project, the internal IT team and outside competitors both tendered for the various parts of the system, with no favours shown to the in-house staff.

"The first thing we had to do was put up a Chinese wall, although sometimes it seemed more like the Berlin Wall," Mr Nanson says. "It was a gladiatorial exercise, which is what procurement is all about really. We really did treat the internal team just like any external contractor. In the end, we discovered that a hybrid solution was the one which had the greatest impact on our running costs."

The outsourcing exercise had some unexpected bonuses. In order to invite tenders for the different parts of its operations, exact definitions of roles and structures which had previously been left vague had to be defined.

"When you have a friendly in-house IT team around the corner it is easy to get things done informally and take them for granted. You can't have that if you are asking people to tender for you. We found that procedures had not been as well-defined as they should have been and we had to work on defining them, which was no bad thing in itself."

Some of the work done in determining the contracts will now be used in a bid to achieve BS 5750 status, the coveted management quality award which, in part, depends upon well-defined internal managerial systems.

How much money the organisation will save by moving to outsourcing is something Mr Nanson is unwilling to reveal, though the scale of the contract, which industry sources say is worth around £1 million and will run from three to five years, gives some indication of the level of spending involved.

The brief of the project had been to find substantial savings while maintaining — not improving — levels of service to both internal and external customers.

Ordnance Survey has recently been reorganised into business units with a tough inter-departmental pricing policy under which units are charged for work done by other parts of the organisation, including computer services.

Over the past few years it has reduced the size of its information technology department and there was little scope left for cutting it back further without cutting services, Mr Nanson says.

CFM can run the organisation's systems more cheaply for the simple reason that it can run the networks of several different companies' on one system, making more efficient use of what is an expensive proprietary operating system.

One other benefit will appear in the small ads of the computer trade press shortly: a "For Sale" ad from Ordnance Survey for one redundant mainframe computer which Mr Nanson will be delighted to see gone from his department.

Property rights and fees have become an issue

Sellers' dilemma

The growth of the facilities management and outsourcing market has presented something of a dilemma to the users and sellers of software.

The two key issues are: who owns the intellectual property rights to software developed by the contractor for the customer, and who is responsible for paying the licence fee for the software used on the system?

The first problem is likely to be exacerbated with the advent of object-oriented programming. Object orientation is the latest in a series of attempts by the software business to create a method of writing programs which allow a user to reuse code to rewrite other programs.

Object programs are modular and highly reusable. Stored in an object library components of a program can be used to build other programs. Although object programming is still in its infancy the question of software copyright is already a concern.

Historically the industry started with the view that software developed for the client belonged to the client, but it has become more entrepreneurial since those days. "The legal position is extremely clear: the author of the software owns the copyright. However that is not the way it ought to be," says Bob Aylott, principal consultant with KMPG management consultants.

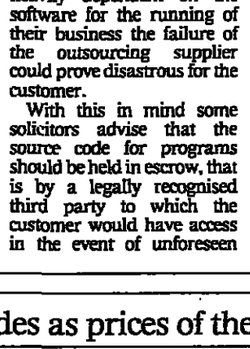
During the lifetime of an outsourcing contract routine maintenance and enhancements to the software may be carried out by the supplier on behalf of the customer, which raises yet another issue, according to Mr Aylott.

The original software may have been developed by the customer's staff before the contract was signed but the outsourcing supplier may well make changes for maintenance and upgrades.

"Strictly speaking, the customer is only entitled to get his software back in its original form when the contract ends, although in practice this seldom happens," Mr Aylott says.

The possible insolvency of an outsourcing supplier could also cause problems for a customer. While it is always possible for the customer to find another machine on which to run his applications, the software can present a problem.

If the code for a customer-specific application is held solely by the outsourcing supplier and the company



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goes into liquidation or ceases to trade there is a possibility that the software can become the property of the receiver.

Since many customers are heavily dependent on the software for the running of their business the failure of the outsourcing supplier could prove disastrous for the customer.

With this in mind some solicitors advise that the source code for programs should be held in escrow, that is by a legally recognised third party to which the customer would have access in the event of unforeseen termination of the contract.

Unlike PC-based software packages, which are generally purchased outright, the majority of mainframe and mid-range computer software is licensed on a monthly basis from the supplier. The problems arise when a licence granted to a customer is transferred to a third party outsourcing company.

The software is generally licensed to a specific company. Once that company decides to use an outsourcing supplier then there is nothing to stop the authors and developers of the software from claiming that the licence no longer applies and a new one must be negotiated, usually with increased charges.

No software house can afford to grant a blanket licence to a facilities management company because there would be nothing to prevent it from using and reusing the software for a whole range of its customers not covered in the original licence.

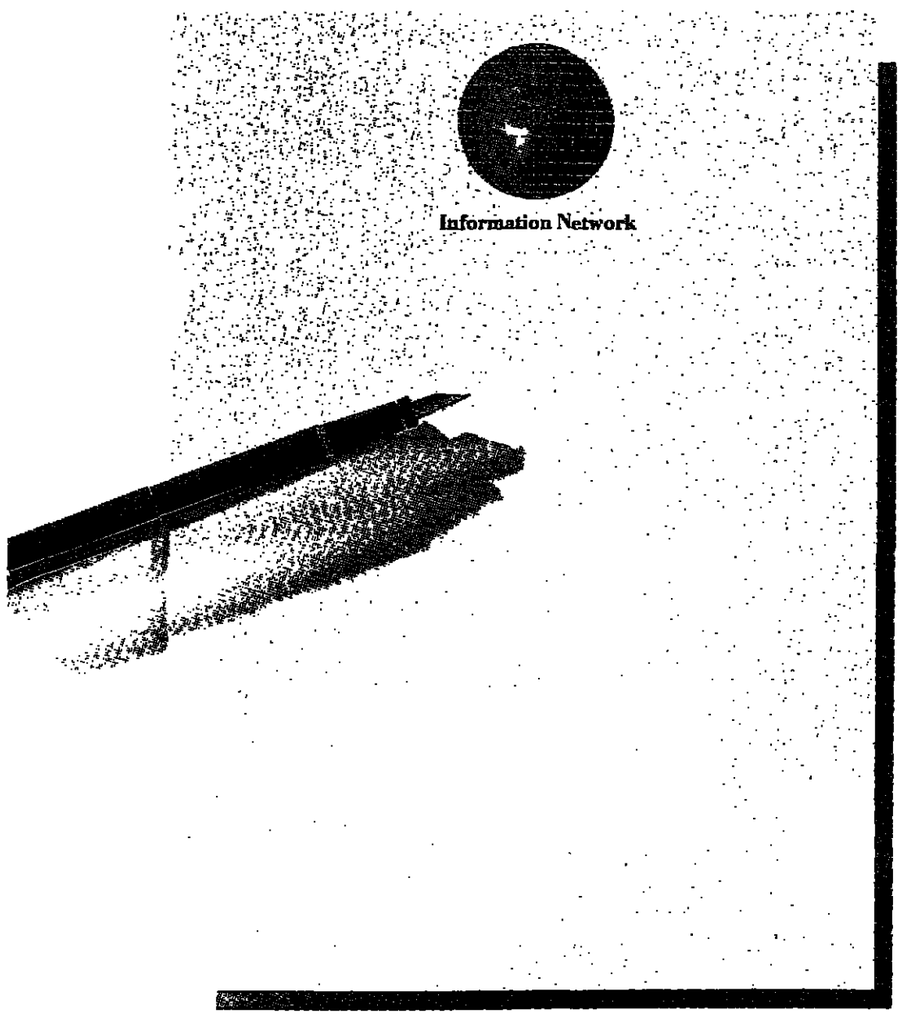
Utility software, for example programs written to speed up a particular part of the processing, is easily transferable between applications run on behalf of customers but on the same machine.

The issue is usually resolved by the software developers coming to a separate agreement with a facilities management company to licence the software on the condition that it is used by them only for specifically agreed customers.

Because outsourcing contracts usually involve the transfer of computer personnel as well as software and hardware, keeping a check on what is happening between the outsourcing supplier and the software houses may at times be difficult.

The skills for understanding the computer software may well have been transferred with the staff to the outsourcing company. But in practice many customers retain a sort of internal policeman who knows the issues, to monitor a contract's life.

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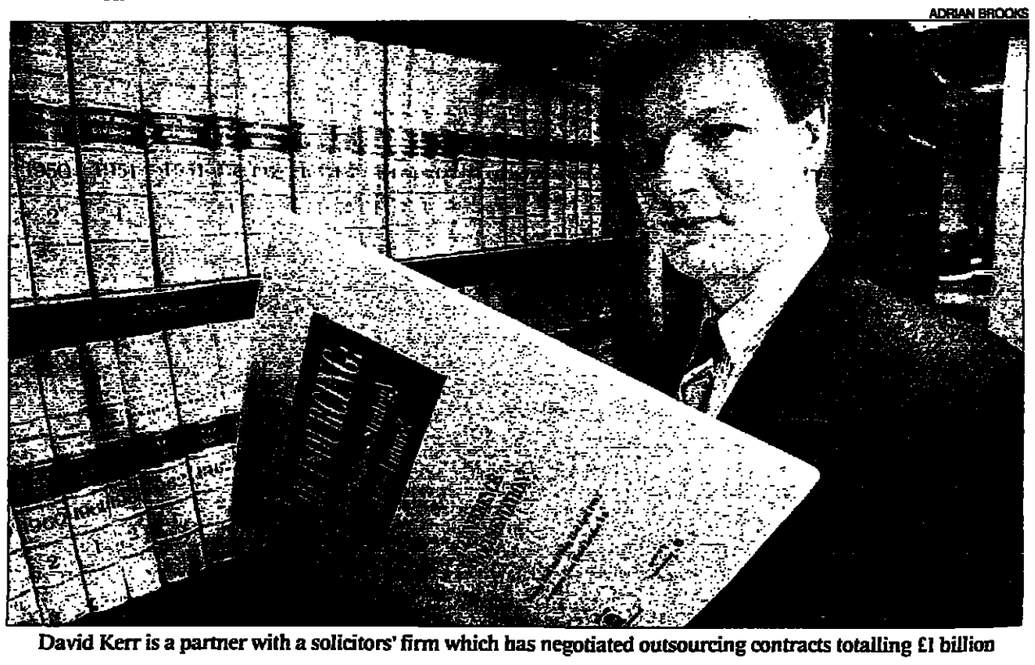
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Customer satisfaction often fades as prices of the service rise

ADRIAN BROOKS



David Kerr is a partner with a solicitors' firm which has negotiated outsourcing contracts totalling £1 billion

Look to the long term

Customers are usually initially pleased with the service from outsourcing suppliers, a recent survey of the UK market shows. But for some, the satisfaction wears off as the contract goes on.

The Europe-wide survey by Input, a market research company, suggests that some customers believe vendors "are making excessive profits at their expense". The suppliers deny this.

Peter Willmott, Input's programme manager for outsourcing, says one problem is the expectations raised by outsourcing contracts, which promise increased level of service and savings on information-technology expenditure.

"For the first six months", he says, "customers are extremely happy, getting better service and a reduction in costs. But that does not happen in subsequent years."

The reason can sometimes be a lack of communication and the absence of a genuine partnership among outsourcer and client.

Mr Willmott says: "Vendors are obeying the strict letter of the contract with service level agreements. But they are not telling the customer how he or she can make the best use of IT to help the business if it falls outside the contract."

Outsourcing or facilities management contracts in the IT industry are more complex than the majority of agreements between a customer and seller. It can involve not just the transfer of capital equipment such as hardware, but software which is licensed from several companies. In addition staff may be transferred from the original customer's employment to the outsourcing provider with all the implications that holds for employment protection and pensions legislation.

There is no such thing as a standard outsourcing contract. Each case is different: supplier and the customer negotiate the contract according to its level of complexity.

The Computing Services Association (CSA), the software and services business's trade association, publishes a code of practice on facilities management and outsourcing. Douglas Eyeions, the CSA's director-general, believes that the most important issue to be sorted out between supplier and customer is service level agreements. These stipulate what has to be done by the supplier and the time scales in which tasks must be completed.

David Kerr is a partner with Bird & Bird, a solicitors' firm, which over the years has negotiated outsourcing contracts totalling £1 billion. He agrees that defining the level of service and the way it is delivered is the main headache. "About 15 key issues have to be carefully looked at," he says.

Similarly, the employment and transfer of staff is a "minefield" he says. "A lot of the original contracts that were negotiated three years ago are up for renewal. What happens to the staff is a major concern."

The original staff of an outsourcing client may have been transferred to an outsourcing supplier. When the contract is up for renewal, it may be awarded to another outsourcing company, leaving open the question of redundancy, pensions, continuity of service and conditions.

Bird & Bird has a standard outsourcing contract, which it supplies to its clients. But Mr Kerr says it is only a guideline to indicate the issues involved in a highly complex arrangement. Every outsourcing deal is different.

In some cases, staff will be offered employment with the supplier, in others they will not. Nor is completing an outsourcing agreement quick or easy. It usually takes between three and six months before the deal is finally signed and delivered, although, says Mr Kerr, one agreement took two years to complete.

During a three or five-year contract, there may be increases in the costs of hardware and software licences, which can lead to a dispute over who should pay the extra.

Steve Webb, a divisional director of Hoskyns, a facilities management and software supplier, agrees there may be sometimes be a question mark over responsibility but that usually it falls within supplier's remit. "We have written each contract individually", he says, "but we would usually consider the underlying costs a part of the pain we have to bear as FM suppliers."

Most customers, however, are generally satisfied with their contracts and their supplier, according to the Input survey. Renewal rates for contracts are running at about 90 per cent.

Outsourcing is one of the prime growth areas of IT because fewer and fewer companies want the burden of an IT department and the huge costs involved. Outsourcing remains one of the most attractive ways of off-loading the IT overhead.

Prospective customers should, however, be aware that an outsourcing contract is a document that is unique to the client and the service provider and that there is no quick and easy standard format for drawing one up.

SEAN HALLAHAN

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Roman orgy meets Eurovision Song Contest in Tim Luscombe's latest, bizarre play

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Landmarks, and roads to nowhere

Stubborn vitality meets impeccable cool in two one-man shows on the South Bank. **Richard Cork** reports

Poor **Roger Hilton**. During his final years, when he was confined to bed with a painful illness provoked by chronic alcohol-abuse, the irascible artist was only able to work on a small scale with gouache on paper. By the time of his death in 1975, hundreds of these lively images had been produced. But they could hardly compensate him for the loss of his capacity to paint on canvas, and he was never granted a proper retrospective during his lifetime.

Now Hilton has been given an exhibition at the Hayward Gallery. But even here, in a survey dedicated to defining his postwar eminence as an abstract painter, there is something half-hearted about the event. Only a quarter of the Hayward has been allotted to the show. The long, narrow gallery it occupies on the ground floor forces Hilton's work into a constricted area. The walls seem to close on the paintings, forcing the visitor to negotiate a labyrinthine sequence of spaces.

They suit the early work tolerably enough. Hilton was a slow starter, and struggled in the 1930s to arrive at his own identity. Dissatisfied with the conservatism of Professor Tonks's stern precepts at the Slade, he moved to Paris for the stimulus of Roger Bissière's class at the Académie Ranson. The teaching there was more in tune with Hilton's adventurous leanings, but his little oil of a *Seated Model* from the mid-1930s still seems influenced by Duncan Grant and Vanessa Bell. At a time when new English art was fired by abstraction, the young Hilton remained hesitant.

Only after the war, when he was incarcerated in German POW camps for three years, did he begin to fulfil his potential. Influenced by French abstractionists like Bazaine and Manessier, Hilton produced increasingly fluent and sensuous images. His real breakthrough came in 1953. Travelling to Holland with the Dutch painter Constant, whose work had recently become bolder and more abstract, he enjoyed studying Mondrian's paintings. The example of both these artists persuaded him to simplify, explore more audacious colours and give his work a greater solidity than before.

February 1954 is a landmark picture. Dominated by the blaring slab of scarlet inhabiting the centre, it is otherwise restricted to black and white. Although impossible to pin down in representational terms, this dynamic image contains suggestions of a splayed human figure and, indeed, a snowy landscape.

Having defined this tough-minded stance, Hilton did not encourage the viewer to hunt out representational references in his work. The titles he chose simply cited the month and year when the paintings were produced. As the 1950s proceeded, though, his images gradually took on a greater complexity. Hints of the countryside and female bodies continue to tantalise, and the handling becomes far more supple. The old toughness coexists with passages of soft, feathery delicacy, while swathes of uninterrupted colour are juxtaposed with straggling charcoal marks. Hilton loved drawing, and he found a way of incorporating line in paintings otherwise notable for virtuosity with the brush.

Fortified by an increasing reliance on improvisation, his range grew wider. The 1959 canvas, *Palisade*, achieves sumptuousness even though limited to umber, black, sepia and a succulent use of white. Suggestions of boats and the sea appear here, reflecting Hilton's involvement with the area around St Ives. And in *Blue Newlyn* water and sky seem to merge in an ecstasy of wildly brushed ultramarine. His most boisterous canvas, however, is *Dancing Woman*, a flamboyant image inspired by a memory of his naked wife jumping on a balcony. Matisse is now the strongest influence in this exclamatory figure, but her swinging left breast has a jauntiness belonging to Hilton alone.

Although prone to depression, he ensured that his work is often animated by humour. Nowhere more than in the late gouaches, where animals, humans, sailing vessels and burgeoning vegetation are all swiftly summarised with a risk-taking energy unimpeded by worsening health. "The more alive a person or a picture," Hilton once said, "the better they are." And he pursued this vitality to the last.

The greater part of the Hayward has been taken over by the prolific painter and sculptor **Julian Opie**, whose work could hardly be more opposed to Hilton's. At 34, Opie is already enjoying the kind of large-scale gallery accolade which Hilton never experienced. And the world explored by the younger man is far removed from the St Ives aesthetic.

Sleek and impersonal, Opie soon removes all trace of the individual mark-making which lies at the centre of Hilton's art. A few early sculptures, painted in a swift and racy manner, are included as reminders of his former hands-on approach. But they look awkward in the large, overcrowded arena where Opie intermingles them with later, more anonymous works.

Blank, streamlined and impeccably cool, these containers present a polished front. Most of these gleaming boxes and screens look as if they have strayed from an airport foyer, and Opie appears most at home in impersonal locales.

Upstairs, where the installations become far more lucid, a room of colossal wall-paintings invites us to enter a maze-like world. Blue skies are visible here, but they do little to enliven the cold, empty facades of the buildings below. Unalleviated by doors or windows, they seem impervious to our presence. Video screens at one end take us on a computerised journey through these unrevealing streets, but they lead nowhere. Opie's virtual reality is numbing, a sanitised and machine-made place where all human quirkiness has been banished.

Imagine you are walking murmurs the title to these wall-paintings, as if some excitement might be derived from the activity. But it is devoid of incident, and the same detachment prevails in the cluster of bright painted concrete blocks assembled on the Hayward's larger terrace.

Their primary colours look cheerful enough, positioned against the backdrop of drab, stained buildings around them. At heart, however, Opie's work is scarcely more enlivening than the architecture of the South Bank.

Opie-land is at its most relentless in the motorway paintings near the gallery entrance. Black by day and grey-blue at night, the flat expanses of tarmac stretch towards featureless horizons. *Imagine you are driving* whispers the caption, but nobody would want to linger on this empty, monotonous road for long. Purging everything of tension and purpose, Opie shows just how atrophied and depressing the world could become as we glide along the standardised route-path to the new millennium.

● *Roger Hilton and Julian Opie at the Hayward Gallery (071-928 3144) until Feb 6*



Imagine you can order these (1993), by Julian Opie: detached and devoid of incident. Opie's work is scarcely more enlivening than the architecture of the South Bank



May 1968 by Roger Hilton: Hilton did not encourage the viewer to hunt out representational references in his work

Vision of Vienna

ART MARKET DIARY

WHILE the British government dilly-dallies as to whether to accept the £1 billion collection of Islamic art on offer from the art dealer/collector David Khalili, the Austrian authorities have shown no such reticence over a group of 20th-century paintings assembled by the Viennese art dealer Rudolph Leopold. For the collection, which includes major works by Schiele, Kokoschka and Klimt, they have just paid £153 million. What's more, Vienna has agreed to build a museum for the collection and instal Leopold as director. Mind you, it is understood that negotiations took a good 15 years. There's hope for Dr Khalili yet.

● A MINIATURE medieval triptych which was rejected by the vetting committee for the Grosvenor House fair last year has been bought for £100,000 by the town of Stuttgart. The city fathers believe it to be by an important 14th-century Burgundian jeweller.

The development is an embarrassment for the fair's organisers, who always claim the vetting system is proof of Grosvenor House's superiority over other fairs. Meanwhile, they have also lost one of their most prestigious exhibitors, Wartski, which since the incident has chosen to exhibit elsewhere.

Vintage banger

THE old banger which starred in a 1953 hit film on the London to Brighton Run is to be sold, after participating once more in that annual event last Sunday. The auctioneer Robert Brooks says *Genevieve* — both the name of the 1904 12hp Darracq and the title of the film — is "perhaps the best known car in the world". According to Brooks, the car's Australian owners paid £289,000 for it some time ago, but he has no idea what it is worth today: "How do you place an estimate on a legend?"

SARAH JANE CHECKLAND

THEATRE: *MSM* at the Royal Court

Scenes from a cottage industry

The initials of the title, *MSM*, stand for "men who have sex with men" and MSM is used, though I don't know by whom, as a neutral description of an activity. The men do not have to be gay, straight, bi or transsexual: they just have to be men. And while we are into word games, the presenting company (under its director Lloyd Newson) is DV8.

Hitherto, the company has been known for its dance and movement works. But though some of the actors are sinuous and lithe enough to insert their bodies through fairly small holes in a wall, dance is not the style of this unprecedented, artfully constructed work.

There is music on the soundtrack (by Jocelyn Pook), suggestively used to emphasise or alter moods, and incorporating choral music, Kathleen Ferrier's "Blow the Wind Southerly" (a puzzling inclusion) and the sound of dripping water. Watery sounds come in early on, while we are staring at a high wall of glazed tiles. Holes open in some of these and eyes peer through them, because the entire action takes place in underground public conveniences — known, in this context, as "cottages".

Newson and other members of DV8 interviewed over 50 men in the hopes of discovering what it is that draws some men to find sexual release in an environment that fastidious persons would consider not very nice. All the words used in the work derive from these interviews, and their variety creates a comic, sombre, meta-world of brief encounters.

But the words would sustain merely documentary interest without Newson's constantly fascinating staging. The tiled wall folds back to reveal a row of cubicles; a line of gleaming white stalls glides on and is divided, each one then being treated like a mobile pulpit. Men slither over walls, through walls, hang upside down scratching graffiti, eye each other and steel themselves for the approach.

Although many habitués are said to be married men fancying a bit of the other, there is far less evidence from them here than from gays. Setting aside any thrills that come from the occasional dangers, what makes the addiction so compulsive appears to be the chance it offers of stepping sideways into anonymity, where sex comes untrammelled with love, duty, propriety or even affection, as a man can return to being a randy animal. Randy, anxious, and at one point boldly mucky, DV8's actors explore the many aspects of an addiction and turn it (though how, er, queer that it should be possible) into a celebration.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Living up to the sales talk

TELEVISION REVIEW: A brilliant new four-part satire started on BBC1 last night

Peering cheerfully into the coffin of his dead wife — who was unluckily stoned to death by football hooligans in Hamburg — wheelchair-bound Godfrey Spry (Richard Briers) answers yes, he would like a cup of tea. "You'll find a packet of Twinsell's twin action tea-bags in my suitcase," he informs his niece. "Their special binary perforations allow more of the flavour to seep through, for that richer more refeshing-tasting cuppa, just the thing to cheer up your day, when — when your wife's dead."

No wonder she looks a little surprised. Is this peculiar, or what? The programme is the new four-part comedy **If You See God, Tell Him**, written by Andrew Marshall (*2 point 4 Children*) and David Renwick (*One Foot in the Grave*). And if the viewer doesn't feel comfortable, doesn't laugh much, it's because this is a brave stab at old-fashioned satire, and we are not accustomed to it, especially on BBC1.

When was the last time a sitcom reminded you of Voltaire's *Candide*? Alan Ayckbourn writes such parables for the theatre, but surely nobody does it on television. Yet here, in Spry, is a modern-day character who believes — like the tortured optimist Dr Pangloss in *Candide* — that "all is for the best in this best of all possible worlds".

To begin at the beginning, Godfrey Spry is momentously converted to the Panglossian position when he is knocked flat by a barrow-full of masonry. Returning to consciousness, he is addicted to television commercials, and believes in the world they depict (i.e. the best of all possible), in which the Westward Bank says "Yes!", and in which Gleemy washing-up liquid washes ceiling-high stacks of plates, neighbours pop by for coffee, and everyone lives in a converted warehouse.

Like Pangloss, Spry suffers appalling blows — a crippling car-crash, bereavement, destitution — but his faith is unmoved. Instead of feeling sorry for himself, he excitedly dials Australia, on the advice of a telephone commercial in which an old man yells ecstatically for his wife, "Agnes! It's Jimmy! Ringing to say Happy Anniversary from Koala Lumpur!". Spry can't wait to try it. "I'm calling from London," he tells the disgruntled antipodean who answers the call. "Easy, isn't it?"

I have to admit I only laughed when the jokes were at their very simplest. After a brilliant re-creation of an up-beat, rap-dance commercial for the Westward Bank, Spry is discovered sitting outside the manager's door in a dismal room dominated by the sounds of sawing and hammering. A secretary is mumbling "the computer's gone down"; meanwhile, when Spry reaches for one of the magazines spread fan-wise on a table, he discovers (hilariously) they are all stuck together, on a board.

If You See God, Tell Him is made without canned laughter. So it is quite a challenge, especially since the comic actors involved — Adrian Edmondson as the cynical nephew Gordon, Imelda Staunton as Gordon's soft-hearted wife Muriel — are not playing for easy laughs. But it is the cleverest and most daring thing I have seen in ages. Amazingly, it even resists the temptation to caricature the commercials, Victoria Wood-style. Instead, they are simply spot-on. "With Pangloss polish you'll clean up in less time than you thought possible," says Briers, brightly; "Try tomorrow: the results will amaze you."

LYNNE TRUSS



Daring to dispense with the canned laughter: Adrian Edmondson, Imelda Staunton and Richard Briers

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WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

BATTERSEA TOWN HALL The glorious Victorian building has been restored in time for its centenary this Saturday. And so, a weekend of events including theatre, improvisations, music and stalls and entertainments for children. Jazz virtuoso **George Melly** appears in the Grand Hall on Sunday (proceeds to Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund), daytime events will be charged at Victorian prices.
BAC, Lavender Hill, SW11 (071-223 2223). Saturday, 11am-4pm; George Melly, Sunday, 8pm

BEAUX ARTS TRIO A welcome opportunity to hear the veteran American piano trio perform Korngold (Trio in D Op 1); Mendelssohn (Trio in D minor Op 49) and Beethoven (Trio in B flat op 97, Archduke)
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (071-935 2141) Sunday, 4pm.

THE GNAWA: This rhythm group from Morocco has attracted a great deal of interest from the jazz world. Using traditions descended from Sudanese slaves, their music, dancing and rituals call the spirits and make for an electrifying performance.
Jackson's Lane Community Centre, Archway Road, N6 (081-340 5226). Sat, 8.30pm. UK tour information from Jane Loveless (081-960 8523)

GRAND CLASSICAL GALA: David Coleman conducts the **National Symphony Orchestra** and the **Goldsmiths Choral Union** in a programme promising to have something for everyone including excerpts from Glinka, Wagner, Puccini, Bizet, Mozart, Khachaturian, Verdi, Leoncavallo, Ravel, Mascagni, Rossini, Gounod, Dvořák and Tchaikovsky
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800). Saturday, 7.30pm.

ELSEWHERE

GLASGOW: The extraordinary **National Theatre of Craiova**, first seen in Edinburgh in 1991, is performing *Phaedra* as part of a national theatre exchange between Romania and the UK. Silviu Purcarete describes his adaptation as a strange archaic theatre of seductive beauty.
Tramway, Albert Drive (041-227 5511) Tonight and Sat, 8pm

MANCHESTER: A rare opportunity to hear one of Finland's premiere jazz artists as **Edward Vesala** leads an eight piece band with his own compositions. A strong emphasis on melody in a mixture of "free jazz", ethnic music, and avant-garde classical
Royal Northern College of Music, 124 Oxford Road (061-273 4504). Tonight, 7.45pm.

MOLD: First night of previews for the English-language premiere of **Full Moon**, Caradog Prichard's evocative tale of a North Wales boyhood 70 years ago. Jon Strickland plays the hero.
Theatr Clwyd (0352 755114). Tonight, 7.45pm. Opens Nov 16, 7.45pm. Then Tue-Sat, 7.45pm. Till Dec 4

WOKING: The **London Contemporary Dance Theatre** concludes its autumn tour before moving to London later this month. Saturday's performance includes two pieces from Christopher Bruce. *Waiting* which was inspired by the momentous celebrations marking Nelson Mandela's release from prison and *Rooster*, his popular and playful sexual satire set to songs by the Rolling Stones. The programme is rounded out with *Falling Like Rain*, a new work by Darshan Singh Bhuller, one of Europe's leading contemporary dancers turned choreographer.
New Victoria Theatre, The Peacocks Arts Centre (0483 761144) Saturday, 8pm

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London
■ **House full, returns only**
◩ **Some seats available**
□ **Seats at all prices**

◩ **CAROUSEL:** Tuneful and cleverly set Rodgers and Hammerstein has the familiar mixture of the perceptive and the maudlin.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins

◩ **CITY OF ANGELS:** Sadly, the last chance to the fabulous Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972) Tonight and Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm 160mins.

□ **FOREVER PLAID:** Genial and wittily performed American show that pays homage to the four-part harmony groups of the 1950s
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat 8.30pm; mats Fri (half price), Sat 6pm.

◩ **HAMLET:** Charismatic Alan Cumming plays the Prince and Eleanor Bron his incestuous Mum in Stephen Unwin's production. In London at the end of its national tour.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham St, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat 7.30pm; mats Thurs 2pm and Sat 3pm

□ **LOOKING THROUGH A GLASS ONION:** John Waters stars in his own musical tribute to John Lennon, and comes remarkably close to conveying his mysterious, if chaotic, charm.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488) Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 6pm and 9pm. No mat today

◩ **MEDEA:** Diana Rigg returns to the West End in Euripides's tragedy of a woman's revenge. Directed by Jonathan Kent.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs 3pm, Sat 5.30pm.

□ **MOONLIGHT:** Ian Holm and Anna Massey in the West End transfer of Pinter's play, a sour civil servant, unmourned by his family, rages against his approaching death.
Comedy, Panton St, SW1 (071-867 1045) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

◩ **OLEANNA:** Power, politics and punishment at an American university. David Suchet and Lia Williams star in Pinter's production of Mamet's play
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

◩ **ONE MAN:** Electrifying performances by Steven Berkoff in three solo pieces: Poe's *Telltale Heart*, *Actor*, and *Dog*, his hilarious, chilling view of life as seen by a lager lout's rottweiler
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5040). In preview, 8pm. Opens Nov 15, 7pm.

□ **PICKWICK:** Harry Secombe belts out "If I Ruled the World" as boldly as he sang it 30 years ago. A naive musical but good-hearted and bouncy.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm

□ **RELATIVE VALUES:** Susan Hampshire, Sara Crowe and Alison Fiske head a strong cast in Coward's snobbish *but clever comedy*. Tim Luscombe directs.
Savoy, Strand, WC2 (071-836 8888) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

◩ **SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER:** Donald Sinden, Miriam Margolyes, David Essex in Peter Hall's revival of the evergreen Goldsmith comedy.
Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm

□ **VITA AND VIRGINIA:** Eileen Atkins' play based on one of the century's odder love affairs: that between Virginia Woolf's and Vita Sackville-West. With herself and Penelope Wilton.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (071-836 6111). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm, and Sat, Sun, 3.30pm.

◩ **WALLENSTEIN:** Tim Albery's directing debut for the RSC in Schiller's mighty drama about power's capacity to corrupt. Ken Bones plays the great general.
Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891) Tonight and Sat, 7.15pm; mat Sat 2pm.

LONG RUNNERS: ◩ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) □ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ■ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) ... ■ **Crazy for You:** Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ... ◩ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ◩ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ■ **Grease:** Dominion (071-580 8845) ... □ **It runs in the Family:** Playhouse (071-839 4401) ... ■ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ■ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) ... ■ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ■ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ■ **Sunset Boulevard:** Adelphi Theatre (071-344 0055) ... □ **Travels With My Aunt:** Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... ◩ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

L'ACCOMPAGNATRICE (PG): Claude Miller's flawed but sensitive wartime drama, with Romane Bohringer as the young pianist whisked into a glamorous new world. **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470)

◆ **DEMOLITION MAN** (15): Sylvester Stallone versus Wesley Snipes in 21st century LA. Overblown action romp with satirical touches. Director, Marco Brambilla.
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **GUILTY AS SIN** (15): D.A. Rebecca De Mornay falls under the spell of ladykiller Don Johnson. Foolish thriller, minus thrills. Director, Sidney Lumet.
MGMs: Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

THE REMAINS OF THE DAY (U): Life and lost chances of an English butler. Merchant Ivory's immaculate if chilly account of Kazuo Ishiguro's novel with Anthony Hopkins, Emma Thompson
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THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** at a musical mishmash of pop culture and ancient history

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Eurovision
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THE London theatre occasionally asks its audiences to swallow some mighty odd things. For instance, *Five Guys Named Moe* requires us to believe that a quintet of musicians might leap out of a radio set and, by the simple ruse of singing a lot of period songs, reconcile a doleful boy with the girl who has walked out on him. But that is workaday stuff beside the central question posed by Tim Luscombe's new play, which is whether the ghost of the Emperor Hadrian will be reunited with the ghost of his Greek lover during the Eurovision Song Contest.

Well, Eurovision Song Contests are synonymous with silliness and sentimentality. Luscombe certainly provides plenty of both commodities, starting with the appearance of Simon Dutton's sickly Hadrian and Christopher James's Antinous in their togas on a set that looks like the innards of an antique camera. "When I touch you, I feel eternal, I'm in touch with your soul," gushes the emperor, adding that "when you hold me, I don't fear death". But it is the boy who dies, though whether he sacrifices himself as a demonstration of love or is drowned by his political enemies is not yet clear.

What on earth has this to do with Eurodittties? The answer is that a gay man called Gary (gifted James Dreyfus) is writing a novel about Hadrian's love-life. He is also accompanying his friend Kevin (Charles Edwards) to Rome to watch the Eurovision ceremonies. There, he discovers that the Spanish and Greek soloists were respectively born in the villages that were the homes of Hadrian and Antinous *all those aeons ago*.

So when the spooks from AD135 start mournfully meandering through the television studios in search of each other, the solution is obvious. The macho Iberian, Sergio Flores (Grant Russell), must be made to "come out" and go to bed with Andreas Alexiou (Michael Matus) from the Aegean. Through the coupling of the moderns, the ancients will be reunited.

Are you with me? For much of Luscombe's production, I was not at *all sure I was with myself*. When Anita Dobson was transformed from the contest's compere into the Spirit of Europe, and began preaching a gospel of love, I decided I must be reviewing the after-effects of my flu. But no. Luscombe had still more strenuous surprises in store. Hadrian, Antinous, Flores, Alexiou all turned out to be projections of the two young Englishmen's unacknowledged passions. With the help of Dobson's bouncing Spirit of Europe, repressed Gary and promiscuous Kevin discovered they really loved each other. Wasn't that nice?

No, not really. I found the maudlin mouthings that accompanied the two men's coming-together almost more depressing than the lumpish comedy that had preceded it. Even the sight of Matus's Alexiou and his backing group singing "Bim, Bam, Bom!" while jigging around in what appeared to be sea-captains' uniforms failed to convince me that (to put it as mildly as I can) an opportunity *had* not been squandered. The Eurovision Song Contest is the naffest of contemporary cultural events and, as such, a good subject for social Eurosatire. How could it have been so ineptly served?



Anita Dobson (Katia Europa), James Dreyfus (Gary), in Luscombe's *Eurovision*. Drawn by Bill Hewison

CONCERTS: A virtuosic American pianist and a thrilling Russian baritone display their talents in London

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THE **Orchestra of St John's, Smith Square** may have given standard fare in its concert at St John's on Tuesday, a launching pad for a prestigious tour to Germany. But everything it played had an enticing edge to it, imperfections and all.

John Lubbock, the orchestra's conductor and founder, is a man of spontaneous instincts. He does not worry too much, for instance, about whether a tempo might be just a little too fast. The breathless finale to Beethoven's Second Symphony at the close of this concert proved that. This, together with his preference for bright orchestral colours, recalls the livelier period-style practitioners. But an impulsive reaction to Beethoven's impulsively dramatic music brings gains in this work.

Essentially the same spirit of spontaneity applies to Mendelssohn's First Piano Concerto, where the affable soloist was **André Watts**. Watts appears too rarely in this country; this was his only date here this season. Technically brilliant, he radiated an irrepressible joy in his own and Mendelssohn's virtuosity, throwing away those cheeky upward scales in the glisteningly witty skein of the concerto's finale with an apparent abandon that actually reflected a meticulous control. He was just as affecting in the more serious first movement and the ruminatively poetic central Andante. Lubbock and his band, clearly impressed, were with him all the way.

A more obviously considered interpretative approach is necessary in the incidental music Sibelius wrote for Maeterlinck's *Pelléas et Melisande* in 1905, which opened the concert. Lubbock met these demands equally well, squeezing the maximum expression from the work. Christopher O'Neal's exquisite solo cor anglais in the second piece, "Melisande", showed just the right balance of innocence and voluptuousness. The pace of the final piece, "The Death of Melisande", was again stretched to its limits — of slowness this time — but Lubbock and his players were always in control.

STEPHEN PETTITT

On song for Tchaikovsky

RACHMANINOV once wrote a song, in high heroic manner, which declared "I am not a prophet, I am not a fighter; by God's grace, I am a singer. My weapon is a lyre." It could have been written for the Russian baritone **Sergei Leiferkus**. His noble stage presence, his total ease in every mode of expression, rendering superfluous either manner or mannerism: all belong to a persona which seems to find its entire raison d'etre in singing.

His voice has seldom been in better form than at his recital on Wednesday as part of the Wigmore Hall's Tchaikovsky centenary festival. It could be, of course, that each time the reality is just that much better than the memory. But it is difficult to recall such a balance of strength and intimacy as he showed in, say, the letter-song Rachmaninov wrote to Konstantin Stanislavsky, or such clarity of focus being sustained through the reverberation of the longest, loudest climax of "Christ is Risen".

The force of each word in each phrase is pushed out as if from a mighty generator at the back of the throat. The Russian language itself is, of course, an essential part of this process, both physiologically and expressively. No English singer could float on high a phrase about night's shades while still recreating such depths of darkness.

The skill in structuring a sustained melodrama such as Rachmaninov's "Fate", though, is one of individual artistry. Leiferkus held his audience spellbound through the long narration, prodded on its way by a less than subtle Beethovenian motif.

In Tchaikovsky's songs, both Leiferkus and his fine accompanist, **Semion Skigin**, breathed fresher, clearer air. Yearning rather than loss was the dominant emotion here. By suspending a light verbal metre over an ultra-steady melodic line, or by the gently understated expression of a song as popular as "At the Ball", Leiferkus would convey it with a lightness of inflection which caught its elusiveness without losing any of its intensity.

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POP ON FRIDAY: Nirvana's favourite group hit the road ... Bowie's songs of suburbia ... Dina Carroll souls out

Teenage kicks all through the night

Caitlin Moran sits quietly in Teenage Fanclub's dressing-room and is blinded by the delights



Teenage Fanclub — (from left) Raymond McGinley, Brendan O'Hare, Norman Blake, Gerry Love — are following up their latest album, *Thirteen*, with a British tour

There's supposed to be a Teenage Fanclub sound-check going on. The smudge-eyed blur of hair and boniness that is Raymond McGinley sits on a battered chair in the dank bunker of a dressing-room, wrapping his fingers around a series of beautiful chords on an acoustic guitar. On the concrete steps opposite him, drummer Brendan O'Hare, who *is* the Milky Bar Kid, plays with a small plastic box studded with buttons and switches. He programmes it to play a waltz and the beat starts to echo around the room.

McGinley catches up with it, and it turns into the Stranglers' "Golden Brown". Just as McGinley remembers the words, O'Hare smiles evilly and changes the beat to "rock 'n' roll" mode. McGinley thinks for a minute, then lets loose a string of wonderful chords. "I thought of this last night," he says.

Norman Blake, the band's frontman, wanders into the room. As this is Berlin, every single available space in the room is taken up with plates of cold meat, liver paté and sliced sausage. He picks up a plate of bratwürst. "Ah, this is disgusting," he says. "What's that?" he asks, nodding at the busily strumming McGinley. "New songs," McGinley says.

Blake hums for a few minutes, then starts harmonising; his cracked voice sounding like that of a broken-hearted choirboy. He leaps up the steps past O'Hare and out on to the stage, grabs a pair of drumsticks and starts drumming to McGinley's tunes.

"That's *my* job," O'Hare mutters, finds another switch on the side of his box, and introduces an electronic orchestra to the affair. Gerry Love, the Fannies' bass player, enters the room just as McGinley and Blake hit a celestial G-spot of harmonies.

"Oh no," he says, "You're not being spontaneous again, are you?" He interrupts McGinley to ask him for cigarettes, sits in the corner and pretends to sulk. Inevitably, though, the two-part harmonies eventually become three-part harmonies, and the song spirals away into perfection. The Fannies have been on tour for two months. They are still lost in music.

The beauty of Teenage Fanclub is that all four members take it in turns to be the genius of the band. Blake, the mega-charismatic main songwriter, will write the gloriously shambolic "Alcoholiday" so Love will try and top it with "Fear of Flying" (wherein a barrage of "hey, hey heys" drench the chorus when someone blows a whistle), and then McGinley will come up with the lovelorn "120 mins," which shivers with mandolins and a hole in the heart that can be filled by only one person.

That round played out, they start again: "What You Do To Me," versus "The Concept" versus "Is This Music?" versus "God Knows It's True" versus "So Far Gone". It's as if the Byrds and the Beatles and Big Star and Neil Young had all been reincarnated as four intensely charming men from Glasgow.

> All four members take it in turns to be the genius of the band

Formed in 1989, the band was immediately ushered on to stereos, up on walls and into hearts everywhere. Their warm, lazy, molten pop-rock punched a hole in the hegemony of house music and the Madchester shuffle that were dominating at the time. Even at this early stage, the Fannies had written "Everything Flows", a song of such pristine wonder that lesser bands ran away and hid their faces in shame.

The first album, *A Catholic Education*, was a crumpet of rock dripping with the butter of pop, and the follow-up, 1991's *Bandwagonesque*, was a classic, containing lines like, "Says she won't be forced against her will — so she don't do drugs but she does the Pill", and the gloriously wild-eyed romp of "Alcoholiday", which made the sun come out and grown men cry at the mudfest that was the 1992 Reading Festival. A worldwide tour with the band's biggest fans, Nirvana, followed, and then — nothing.

The band disappeared utterly for a year, surfacing again last month with their third album, *Thirteen* (Creation Records), which, along with the new Lemonheads and Blur LPs, is possibly the greatest thing to happen to music since someone bought Elvis a nice new pair of suede shoes. Buy it, if only for "Get Funky," O'Hare's track, on which he invents "grisco" — "It's grunge and disco."

The Fannies keep inventing new ouevres. During the Berlin soundcheck, they invited teggae — "techno with a hint of reggae" — and "the blassics". "That's like the blues with a classical strain. Like Mozart's bird has just left him and he's feeling a bit down."

We leave them as they discuss a gig they recently played in Sweden to a crowd of hippies and travellers. "It was this square in the middle of town, and we noticed one huge dog wandering around, all by itself," O'Hare says, abandoning his wonder-box and pulling Trivial Pursuit from his travel bag. "It went behind a pillar, and suddenly it was back again, in a crowd of hundreds of thousands of dogs, millions of them. We couldn't work out where they'd all come from."

"Aye, it was a Trojan dog," McGinley says sagely. There's a small silence, then everybody starts giggling.

"That's a brilliant title for a song," Blake says. "'Trojan Dog'. Pass me my guitar." And they're off again.

● *Teenage Fanclub on tour: The Forum, London NW5, Nov 18; Norwich UEA, Nov 19; Cambridge Corn Exchange, Nov 20; Reading University, Nov 21; The Event, Brighton, Nov 22; Southampton University, Nov 24; Sheffield Octagon, Nov 25; Glasgow Barrowlands, Nov 26; Newcastle University, Nov 27; Nottingham Rock City, Nov 29; Town & Country Club, Leeds, Nov 30; Hull University, Dec 1; Manchester Academy, Dec 2; Royal Court, Liverpool, Dec 3*

NEW WAVES

The insider's guide to the Next Big Thing

Ever since the Beatles broke big in America, the British have taken pride in their aptitude for clogging up the world's charts with silly pop songs. Recently, however, the pride has begun to deflate.

Who are all these upstart Europeans, Scandinavians even, with their funny names and ruthlessly efficient pop records? Surely the success of Abba, Kraftwerk, Boney M and a-ha should have been enough to satisfy them.

No. A mere listing of the new Euro pop acts would be enough to fill this column. Suddenly, it seems, we are being inundated with Swedish reggae, Dutch techno, German pop dance, French rap and countless other territorial invasions, all performed by people who should still be striving to win the Eurovision Song Contest. Is this the final consequence of the Maastricht Treaty?

Take **Stakka Bo**. Perhaps we failed to appreciate the implications of MTV, with its Dutch presenters and advertisements in German. Now we see what seems like a non-stop succession of Stakka Bo video clips spreading the pan-European gospel.

Already, Stakka Bo, an odd-looking pair from Sweden, have notched up hits around Europe with their single "Here We Go". Now they have the temerity to make a career of it, talking all sorts of publicity-mad nonsense about playing live with an 11-piece band, making charity records before they have reached the age of 30 and shooting cheap videos that everybody wants to transmit.

Insensitive to Britain's dented pride and sliding status, the band's next single — a jazz, hip-hop, soul concoction — is called "Down The Drain". The fact that all these records are constructed with brutal efficiency, featuring loud drums, louder bass lines and catchy choruses, should not detract from an essential truth.

The British invented the jet engine, the computer, television broadcasting and pop music. Where did we go wrong?

DAVID TOOP

CONCERT

Killer queen

Dina Carroll
Hammersmith Apollo

DINA Carroll has had sweet revenge on all those who wrote her off as just another dance diva. Sales of her first album, *So Close*, are past the 600,000 mark, while the single "Don't Be A Stranger" has become the biggest of a chain of Top 20 hits.

Such sustained success has brought belated acknowledgment of both a strong and attacking vocal presence and the acute pop sensibility that lies behind it. But from the outset of her first ever London concert appearance, one sensed that such grudging recognition was not enough for Carroll. And, as her set unfolded, it became clear she was out for nothing short of total vindication.

So it was that — and in marked contrast to her retiring presence off-stage — she seized an adoring audience by the scruff of its collective neck. By the end of her first number, the spirited "Special Kind Of Love", she had laid out her terms: total mutual involvement, no acceptance of shyness or reserve.

By the second, the similarly energetic "Hold On", she had succeeded in making hand-clapping and arm-waving obligatory. And by the third, in which she reprised her debut chart role as featured vocalist on Quartz's dance adaptation of the Carole King hit "It's Too Late", she had the Apollo on its feet.

And so the evening continued. The Cambridge-based star brought a gospel edge to a minimally arranged version of Danny Whitten's "I Don't Want To Talk About It", smouldered beautifully on the ballads "So Close" and "The Perfect Year", and closed with a celebratory romp through her anthemic dance track "Ain't No Man". As debuts go, this was a triumph.

ALAN JACKSON

DAVID BOWIE
The Buddha of Suburbia
(Arista 74321 170042)
Bowie — The Singles Collection
(EMI 8 28099)

IT WOULD be difficult to think of anyone better suited than David Bowie to write and perform the soundtrack to *The Buddha Of Suburbia*, the television dramatisation of Hanif Kureishi's novel set in the 1970s. The arch mannerisms and touches of space-age vaudeville that are second nature to him by now were also (largely thanks to him) defining elements of the London music scene in the 1970s.

"Sometimes I fear that the whole world is queer," he sings in that famous, mock-cockney drawl on the opening title-track, deftly capturing the peculiarly fickle quality of teenage angst. The airy, haunting melody — reprised at the end of the album with a hectic guitar solo from Lenny Kravitz — is faintly redolent of the theme for Julien Temple's film *Absolute Beginners*, another notable soundtrack success from Bowie's past.

The numbers that make up the bulk of the album are extended reconstructions of bits and pieces (mostly instrumental) written for the soundtrack, but bear little resemblance to the music heard in the television series. Bowie does his best Marc Bolan imitation on "Untitled No 1" and there are good vocal melodies struggling to emerge from the rather cluttered, keyboard-heavy productions of "Strangers When We Meet" and "Dead Against It".

Elsewhere, Bowie's imagination is given free rein, with mixed results. A mush of droning keyboard and scratched record effects turn "Ian Fish, U.K. Heir" into a pretty tedious experience, but the random cut-up techniques employed on "South Horizon" — where all instruments were apparently played both forwards and backwards to produce a weird collage of sounds and pseudo-jazz rhythms — provide their own mysterious momentum. This is Bowie indulging some of the wilder extremes of his creative whimsy.

But it is his supreme ability to operate within the constraints of the three-minute pop song that remains his true achievement, and *Bowie — The Singles Collection* is a timely reminder of his enduring excellence in this regard. A 37-track double CD, it traces the Bowie story from the early fantasy narratives of "Space Oddity", "Starman" and "Ziggy Stardust" (rightly included, although never released as a single), through to later collaborations with Pat Metheny ("This Is Not America") and Mick Jagger ("Dancing In The Street"), and the knowing melancholy of "Absolute Beginners".

NEW ALBUMS: Multi-faceted David Bowie tackles a television soundtrack

Still famous after golden years



David Bowie pictured (left) at the time of his first big hit, "Space Oddity", and a few years later, as Ziggy Stardust

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THE artwork is a spoof of the cover of Pink Floyd's *Animals* — the one with the inflatable pig flying past Battersea Power Station — but while ambient-techno duo the Orb may have taken the Floyd's love of spacy sound effects as their starting point, their finishing point is not a great deal further down the line.

Recorded at shows in Copenhagen, Tokyo and Glastonbury, this double album is an amorphous collection of soundscapes. The many long, tranced-out interludes are peppered with birdsong, industrial bangs and crashes and odd disjointed voices, often with no conventional rhythmic or harmonic progressions to hold them together at all.

Sometimes the bass locks into a dark funk riff or a dub reggae motif is pumped enthusiastically through the system, but it is never very long before the Dr Who spaceship noises take over again.

TOM WAITS
The Black Rider
(Island 518 559)

TOM Waits is caught in a cycle of diminishing returns. Where once his cast of dramatis personae encompassed truckers, cocktail lounge pianists and the odd travelling salesman, along with a host of weird, lost souls of the night, his quest for ever more extreme characters with which to people his songs has resulted in an implausible and unsympathetic freakshow of the imagination.

The Black Rider is, roughly speaking, a musical rendering of a 19th-century German folk tale about a man who makes a pact with the devil. It begins with Waits bawling at the listener in his huckster-from-hell voice, enjoining us all to step on up and witness "human oddities ... the three-headed baby ... Hitler's brain ... the dog-face boy", and so on. The determinedly shabby, waltz-time accompaniment, provided by a motley collection of half-tuned instruments — cello, banjo, trombone, french horn — staggers like a punch-drunk boxer, as the litany grows ever more extreme.

This rather tired and pointless charade sets the tone for an album which is, at best, hard work. Having slipped his moorings from reality, however bohemian, Waits has now drifted off into the realms of self-parody. What began, on albums like *Swordfishtrombones* and *Rain Dogs*, as a skilfully judged strain of junkyard r'n'b, has descended here into a self-conscious attempt to mimic the weirdness of European writers like Jacques Brel and Kurt Weill, with shambolic results.

DAVID HALLEY
Broken Spell
(dos/Topic 7003)

HAVING had his songs recorded by acts including Willie Nelson, the late Keith Whitley and Joe Ely, the Texan singer David Halley finally recorded his own country-flavoured debut, *Stray Dog Talk*, in 1990.

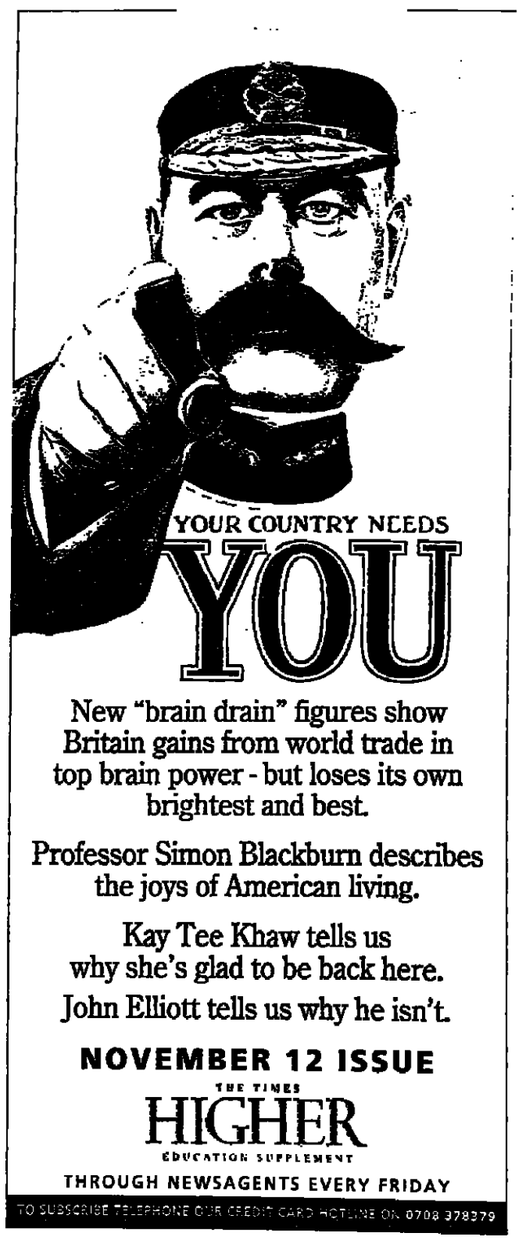
Broken Spell, the belated follow-up, finds him trading in a more direct brand of prairie-baked rock — the sort of thing Tom Petty, John Hiatt or even Bob Dylan (if he could sing) might go in for — underpinned by an ultra-controlled guitar sound à la Mark Knopfler or David Lindley. There are some wonderful songs in here, but unless he tours or does something more to promote it, Halley will have put out another fine album that is unlikely to get much of an airing.

DAVID SINCLAIR

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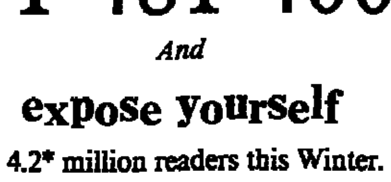
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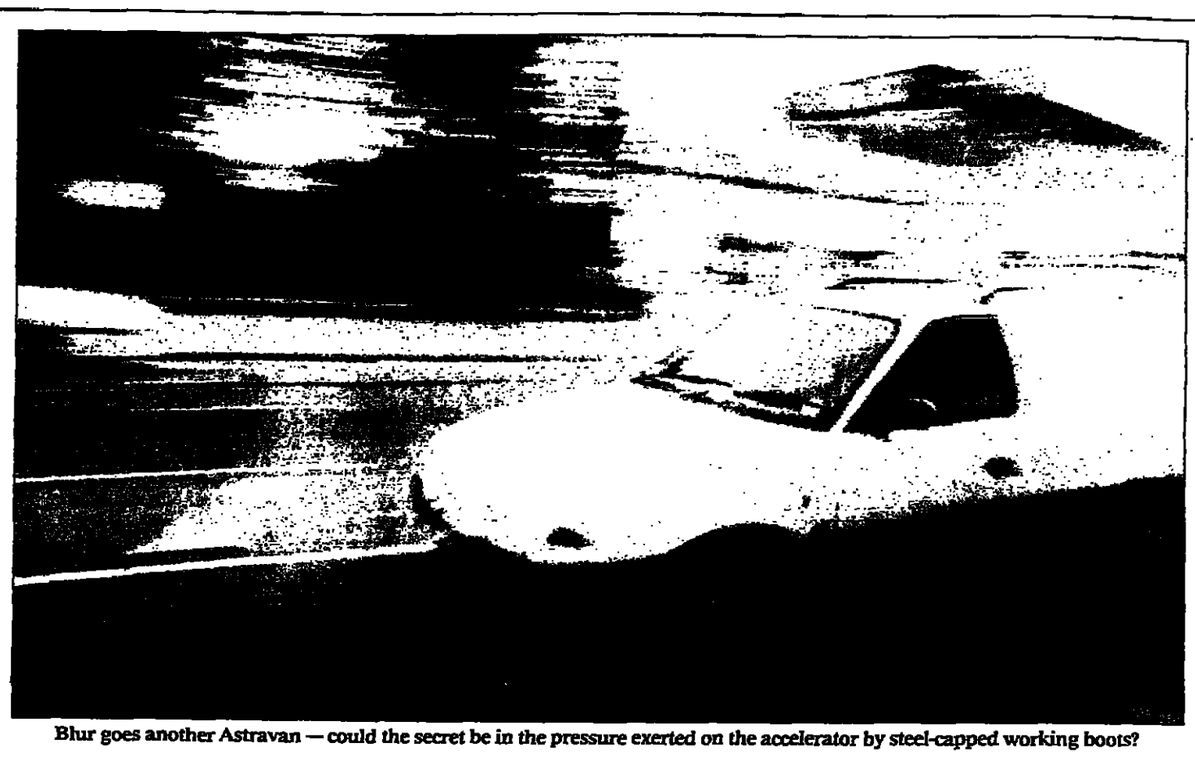
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MOTORING

Batmobile zapped by supervan

How does a flying workhorse rate against the exotic Supra? **Kevin Eason** reports



Blur goes another Astravan — could the secret be in the pressure exerted on the accelerator by steel-capped working boots?

The trouble with exotic cars is that there are times when these sleek monsters, designed to appear as intimidating as Batmobiles, can be made to look plain silly.

There I was, at the wheel of a gleaming, roaring, snorting supercar — capable of accelerating like the Lone Ranger's silver bullet — when I was ignominiously overtaken ... by a white van. A Vauxhall Astravan went tearing past me on the motorway as though its tail was on fire while I was pootling along in a Toyota Supra, my twin turbos barely warm.

I was driving a £37,500 tortoise, while an £8,000 hare was already out of sight. Which led me to wonder: would a car capable of more than twice the legal speed limit complete a typical journey any more quickly than an Astravan, provided that the drivers stuck to the limits?

A test of both vehicles was carried out over 85 miles from the Midlands to the offices of *The Times* in east London, a mix of rural roads, the M1 motorway and plenty of north London traffic at rush hour.

The ultimate journey should have been in the Supra. Everything about it is so splendidly over-the-top — even the sobriquet "Top Gun" adopted by its design team.

The looks are certainly dramatic, as I discovered from the groups of admirers that kept gathering around the car and the gawping heads poking from passing cars. Unfortunately, the average age of fans seemed to be 14, which suggests that the styling lacks a little subtlety.

I might be getting too old for cars like this. Consider this: acceleration from a standing start to 60mph is 4.9 seconds and takes it to a top speed of 155mph. Handling is remarkable. Aided by traction control, it simply cannot be wrong-footed, even in the hardest bends in the worst weather.

Clearly, after seeing *Top Gun*, the designers decided that the Supra dashboard should have as many buttons as a fighter plane, although the curve of the fascia puts everything cleverly within reach and the three main dials — speedometer, rev counter and fuel gauge — are admirably simple.

Getting behind the wheel requires yoga-like dexterity, although the contoured seats are very comfortable and the driving position perfect. Forget the luggage, though. The boot has barely room for an overnight bag and a briefcase.

The full acceleration surges at about 2,500rpm, when the turbos cut in and send the car shooting off. While Ferraris throb and Porsches roar, the Supra's turbos whine, afflicting the driver with something akin to motoring tinnitus.

This car will never reach its potential unless it is on the track. Motorway driving made me painfully aware that it was operating at about a third of its true capacity. However, the test was passed with flying colours: into London in slightly less than two hours, with many heads turned and many envious drivers eager to cut in front of my dramatic array of headlamps.

What of the van? So many times on the motorway, my eyes have flicked to the rear-view mirror to see a set of headlights belonging to a white van hurtling towards my rear bumper. It could be a Ford, a Vauxhall, a Rover or a Renault — the badge does not matter a bit.

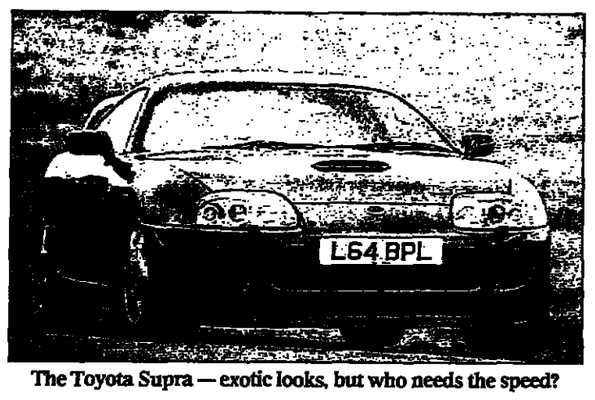
Sometimes, there is just the driver, eyes set on the road ahead like a vengeful gunslinger ready to cut a path through anything that gets in his way. Sometimes there are gloomy figures peering from the back windows and clutching copies of *The Sun*. Or the van comes with a set of ladders looking like unfired missiles slung on top.

Whatever the shape or size, these vans hurtle down the outside lanes of motorways leaving some impressive names in their wake. Are they secretly turbo-charged, do the manufacturers simply dare not make the fact public? Or do they use some special fuel?

I had to know and the only way to find out was to drive an Astravan myself for an investigation of its remarkable abilities.

The key turned in the lock just the same as our family Astra SRi and the dashboard arrangement was just the same. The seats were more basic, more serviceable than our family car in a sort of rough, tweedy material. Clearly it was a model stripped of anything that would be damaged by paint, wood chips or dust.

The only real difference was the cavernous steel box that sat where



The Toyota Supra — exotic looks, but who needs the speed?

the rear seats would normally be. It should really have been full of pots of paint, overalls and tool boxes. I had only a briefcase. That led to the discovery that the rear cargo area when empty acts as a wonderful sound box. Every Radio 3 concert sounded as though it came from the Royal Albert Hall.

Then out onto the open road to do battle with the big boys of motoring. I pressed the accelerator and waited for the rocket boosters to send me screaming past BMWs, Mercedes, Jaguars ... and, of course, any unsuspecting Toyota Supras. But nothing special happened. Actually, the van was a surprisingly pleasant drive, a little noisy, but the 1.6-litre engine pulled away smartly and offered enough for motorway cruising.

But the journey time was the same, just about two hours door to door. Puzzled, I asked a cynical colleague why my Astravan was no hare ... He believes the answer lies in steel-capped working boots. They are so heavy, he says, that the workmen cannot feel the throttle pedal on the Astravan, so the accelerator is always pressed firmly to the floor.

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Price: £8,700, excluding VAT.
Engine: 1.6-litre, four-cylinder through five-speed manual gearbox.
Features: wheels, glass, heater.
Performance: acceleration, yes; top speed about 100mph, fuel economy about 34mpg on average.

The first Swallow of history

Jaguar's pride in its heritage

THE tiny cream and maroon car pictured below looks more like suitable transport for Noddy, *Kevin Eason writes.*

In fact, it is a forerunner of some of the most dramatic cars in the business. The 1928 Swallow will draw hundreds of admirers today because of its place in the history of Jaguar, one of Britain's most famous marques.

This was the car that launched Sir William Lyons on his way as a car manufacturer in the 1920s. Best described as cute, the Swallow showed signs of Sir William's genius for styling.

It is the oldest car in existence to have been built by Sir William and has been restored by Feline Motor Works, a specialist company in Tenbury Wells, Hereford and Worcester, just in time to appear at the Scottish Motor Show alongside Jaguar's present range of exotic, large cars.

Looking at today's Jaguars, with their high-performance and dramatic designs, it is hard to envisage a more humble start than that of Sir William. He entered the motor industry making motorcycle sidecars in a factory in the backstreets of Blackpool. Within six years he was diversifying into motor cars with the Swallow, based on an Austin Seven chassis, but with distinctive bodywork and the Swallow radiator badge.



The 1928 Swallow

Fast boats to China are doing a roaring trade in cars stolen from Hong Kong

Vanishing in the Merc

Hong Kong is the biggest market in the world for Mercedes-Benz ... and the biggest market for thefts. One new car in nine sold in the territory is a Mercedes — and one in 25 may be stolen. More than 7,000 cars disappeared from Hong Kong last year.

"They are put straight in containers and shipped to mainland China," says Michael Lee, the director of sales and marketing for the Zung Fu Company, a subsidiary of Jardine Motor Holdings.

"Or they can be driven aboard specially adapted speedboats with four 1,000-brake horsepower engines. A car can be in China before its owner knows it has gone. The police have a policy of using only minimum force to apprehend thieves. You can't argue much with 4,000 horsepower."

The gangs are well-organised. As well as the thief who drives the car away, they include shippers at both ends of the voyage, corrupt officials and even police in mainland China, where the cars are often driven without the formality of registration. Those cars with international phones run up huge bills, often before the theft is notified.

Even Walter Sulke, the chairman of the Zung Fu company, the Mercedes-Benz importer, is not immune. His car was stolen and shipped to the mainland. "We know where it is," he says. "It is regularly serviced at one of our garages in South China. But there is not much we can do to get it back."



Stolen cars recovered by the Chinese police are occasionally offered back to their owners, but at a price. Recovery is so costly it is not worthwhile.

Alongside the illegal market, operates a legitimate market. Mr Sulke has been selling cars to the mainland Chinese since 1954, starting with Triumph Heralds. He then switched to Mercedes-Benz and, in 1971, in great secrecy, sent 21 long-wheelbase 600 limousines for President Nixon's visit. Mao kept three of the cars for himself, Chou En-lai got one. There are 12,000 S-Class Mercedes-Benzes already in regular use in China — legitimately or not.

Many go to the new Chinese capitalists, but some are driven by political bigwigs. They are sold to the new joint-venture companies being set up with Chinese government co-operation. These factories or hotels are allowed to import big cars for the American or European chief executive. They are then "lent" to local officials unable to afford or even prohibited from owning anything so extravagant.

It is all part of what one Chinese businessman described as "the mechanism of trade". Officials who come to Hong Kong from the mainland often have a second Mercedes to oil the mechanism further.

Three thousand Mercedes cars are sold in Hong Kong every year, 1,800 of them S-Class saloons costing more than £200,000 with Hong Kong import duty. More S-Class cars are sold in Hong Kong, which has a car "population" of 415,000, than in Britain, with 23.5 million.

A 190E or a new C180 costs half a million HK dollars, or £55,000, and a 600SL costs £275,000. Zung Fu's three showrooms each sell 1,000 cars a year, compared with the 200 of an equivalent outlet in the UK.

With only 1,559 kilometres of roads in Hong Kong, Kowloon and the New Territories, a car's annual mileage is not high. The average is something between 6,000 and 8,000 miles, of which 80 per cent is city driving. The entire network is subject to speed limits, 100kph on the open road and 50kph in the city, yet orders for the AMG — the fastest version of the new C-Class range — stretch well into 1996.

ERIC DYMOCK

Service swindles

ENVIRONMENTAL and consumer protection officers say that motorists could be spending hundreds of pounds on work badly carried out — or never done. They took a 1986 Ford Escort 1.3L with about 40,000 miles on the clock and some deliberately introduced faults, to a dozen garages in Sandwell, West Midlands, but only one carried out a proper job.

One garage wanted £79 just for an oil change, another charged £160 for gearbox repairs which were not done, and a third charged for a new clutch when reconditioned equipment was fitted.

Cover charge

NORWICH Union, Britain's biggest motor insurer, is offering discounts to BMW owners whose cars have the manufacturer's approved alarm/immobiliser system. Discounts average 7.5 per cent.

Owners of high-performance M3 models could benefit by 25 per cent.

Toyota offer

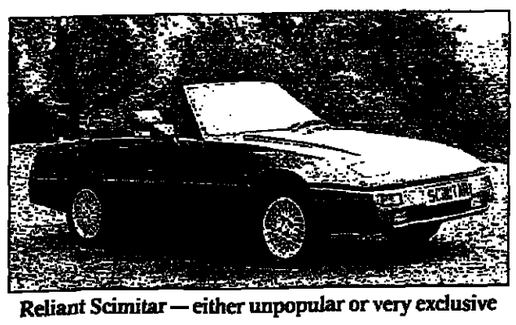
TOYOTA has launched a new warranty package to cover its used cars. Called Auto Assured, the one-year cover includes a 14-day exchange period, RAC membership, free inspection after one month or 600 miles and a full mechanical and safety check. The warranty applies to all makes sold by Toyota dealers.

Rare sightings

THEY could be described as exclusive or just downright unpopular, but models such as the Reliant Scimitar, Audi V8 and Lancia Delta are among the scarcest cars to be seen on the road.

A survey by *Carweek* to discover Britain's worst-selling cars claimed that the Reliant, Audi and Lancia joined Honda's NSX supercar, the Renault GTA/A610 and the Sao Penza, a model made in South Africa, as models of which fewer than 50 have been sold this year.

A further 13 cars had sales of between 51 and 200 in the January to September period of this year. They are the BMW 8-Series, Hyundai Sonata, Lancia Thema, Lotus Esprit, Mazda RX-7, Mercedes G-Wagen, Mercedes SEC, Mitsubishi 3000 GT, Nissan 300 ZX, Porsche 928, Subaru SVX, Toyota Land Cruiser and Toyota Supra.



Reliant Scimitar — either unpopular or very exclusive

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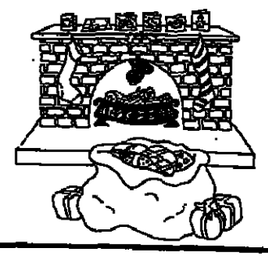
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Fiduciary liable for devaluation in property represented by bribe

Attorney-General for Hong Kong v Reid and Others

Before Lord Templeman, Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Lowry, Lord Lloyd of Berwick and Sir Thomas Eichelbaum

[Judgment November 1]

When a bribe was accepted by a fiduciary in breach of his duty he held that bribe in trust for the person to whom the duty was owed. If property representing the bribe decreased in value the fiduciary had to pay the difference between that value and the initial amount, and if the property increased in value the fiduciary was not entitled to any surplus in excess of the initial value of the bribe because he was not allowed by any means to make a profit out of a breach of duty.

Lister & Co v Stubbs ((1890) 45 ChD 1) should not be followed.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council allowed an appeal by the Attorney-General for Hong Kong from the judgment of the Court of Appeal of New Zealand ([1992] 2 NZLR 385) dismissing his appeal from Mr Justice Penlington in the High Court of New Zealand, who had refused to order that caveats lodged by the Attorney-General in proceedings against the respondents, Mr Charles Warwick Reid, Mrs Judith Margaret Reid and Mr Marc Molloy should not lapse.

Mr David Oliver, QC and Mr Stephen Kos (of the New Zealand Bar) for the Attorney-General; Mr Antony White for Mrs Reid; Mr Reid and Mr Molloy did not appear and were not represented.

LORD TEMPLEMAN said that Mr Reid, a solicitor and New Zealand national, had joined the legal service of the Government of Hong Kong becoming successively crown counsel, deputy crown prosecutor and ultimately acting Director of Public Prosecutions.

In the course of his career in breach of the fiduciary duty which he owed as a servant of the Crown he accepted bribes as an inducement to him to exploit his official position by obstructing the prosecution of certain criminals.

He was arrested, pleaded guilty to offences under the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance and was sentenced on July 6, 1990, to eight years' imprisonment and ordered to pay the Crown HK$12.4 million, equivalent to NZ$2.5 million, being the value of assets then controlled by him which could only have been derived from bribes. No part of that sum had been paid.

Among Mr Reid's assets were three freehold properties in New Zealand. The trial judge's finding that the Attorney-General had established an arguable case that each of the three properties had been acquired with moneys received by Mr Reid as bribes had not been challenged. Two of the properties were conveyed to him and his wife and one to his solicitor, Mr Molloy.

The total value of assets in New Zealand thought to be derived from bribes exeeded NZ$2.4 million. The appeal proceeded on the assumption that the freehold New Zealand properties were purchased with bribes received by Mr Reid and were held in trust for him subject to the claims of the Crown in those proceedings.

A bribe was a gift accepted by a fiduciary as an inducement to him to betray his trust. A secret benefit, which might or might not constitute a bribe, was a benefit which the fiduciary derived from trust property or obtained from knowledge which he acquired in the course of acting as a fiduciary.

A fiduciary was not always accountable for a secret benefit but he was undoubtedly accountable for a secret benefit which consisted of a bribe. In addition a person who provided the bribe and the fiduciary who accepted the bribe might each be guilty of a criminal offence. Mr Reid was clearly guilty of a criminal offence.

Bribery was an evil practice which threatened the foundations of any civilised society. In particular, bribery of policemen and prosecutors brought the administration of justice into disrepute.

Where bribes were accepted by a trustee, servant, agent or other fiduciary, loss and damage were caused to the beneficiaries, master or principal whose interests had been betrayed. The amount of loss or damage resulting from the acceptance of a bribe might or might not be quantifiable.

In the present case the amount of harm caused to the administration of justice in Hong Kong by Mr Reid in return for bribes could not be quantified.

When a bribe was offered and accepted in money or in kind, the money or property constituting the bribe belonged in law to the recipient. Money paid to the false fiduciary belonged to him. The legal estate in freehold property conveyed to the false fiduciary by way of bribe vested in him.

Equity, however, insisted that it was unconscionable for a fiduciary to obtain and retain a benefit in breach of duty. The provider of a bribe could not recover it because he committed a criminal offence when he paid the bribe. The false fiduciary who received the bribe in breach of duty had to pay and account for the bribe to the person to whom that duty was owed.

In the present case, as soon as Mr Reid received a bribe in breach of the duties he owed to the Government of Hong Kong, he became a debtor in equity to the Crown for the amount of that bribe. So much was admitted.

If the bribe consisted of property which increased in value or if a cash bribe was invested advantageously, the false fiduciary would receive a benefit from his breach of duty unless he was accountable not only for the original amount or value of the bribe but also for the increased value of the property representing the bribe.

As soon as the bribe was received it should have been paid or transferred to the person who suffered from the breach of duty. Equity considered as done that which ought to have been done.

As soon as the bribe was received, whether in cash or in kind, the false fiduciary held the bribe on a constructive trust for the person injured.

Two objections had been raised to that analysis:

First it was said that if the fiduciary was in equity a debtor to the person injured, he could not also be a trustee of the bribe. But there was no reason why equity should not provide two remedies, so long as they did not result in double recovery. If the property representing the bribe exceeded the original bribe in value, the fiduciary could not retain the benefit of the increase in value which he obtained solely as a result of his breach of duty.

Second, it was said that if the false fiduciary held property representing the bribe in trust for the person injured, and if the false fiduciary was or became insolvent, the unsecured creditors of the false fiduciary would be deprived of their right to share in the proceeds of that property. But the unsecured creditors could not be in a better position than their debtor.

The authorities showed that property acquired by a trustee innocently but in breach of trust and the property from time to time representing the same belonged in equity to the *cestui que trust* and not to the trustee personally whether he was solvent or insolvent.

Property acquired by a trustee as a result of a criminal breach of trust and the property from time to time representing the same also had to belong in equity to his *cestui que trust* and not to the trustee, whether he was solvent or insolvent.

His Lordship referred to *Keech v Sandford* ((1726) Sel Cas Ch 61); *Fawcett v Whitehouse* ((1829) 1 Russ & M 132); *Sugden v Crossland* ((1856) 3 Sm & Giff 192); *Tyrrell v Bank of London* ((1862) 10 HLC 26); *In re Canadian Oil Works Corporation (Hay's Case)* ((1875) LR 10 Ch 593); *In re Morvah Consols Tin Mining Co (McKay's Case)* ((1875) 2 ChD 1); *In re Caerphilly Colliery Co (Pearson's Case)* ((1877) 5 ChD 336); and *Metropolitan Bank v Heiron* ((1880) 5 ExD 319) and continued that it had always been assumed and asserted that the law on the subject of bribes was definitively settled by the decision of the Court of Appeal in *Lister & Co v Stubbs*.

In that case the plaintiffs employed the defendant, who on their behalf bought goods from a company from which he received bribes amounting to £5,541. He invested the bribes in freehold properties and investments.

His masters sought and failed to obtain an interlocutory injunction restraining him from disposing of those assets pending the trial of the action in which they sought £5,541 and damages.

In the Court of Appeal Lord Justice Cotton had said (at p12) that the bribes could not be said to be the money of the plaintiffs. He seemed to be reluctant to grant an interlocutory judgment which would provide security for a debt before that debt had been established.

Lord Justice Lindley had said (at p15) that the relationship between the plaintiffs as masters and the defendant as servant who had betrayed his trust and received a bribe was that of debtor and creditor not that of trustee and *cestui que trust*.

The decision in *Lister & Co v Stubbs* was not consistent with the principles that a fiduciary must not be allowed to benefit from his own breach of duty, that the fiduciary should account for the bribe as soon as he received it and that equity regarded as done that which ought to be done.

From those principles it would appear to follow that the bribe and the property from time to time representing the bribe were held on a constructive trust for the person injured.

A fiduciary remained personally liable for the amount of the bribe if, in the event, the value of the property then recovered by the injured person proved to be less than that amount.

The decisions in *Metropolitan Bank v Heiron* and *Lister & Co v Stubbs* were inconsistent with earlier authorities which were not cited.

Although over 100 years had passed since *Lister & Co v Stubbs*, no one could be allowed to say that he had ordered his affairs in reliance on those two decisions.

Thus no harm could result if they were not followed.

Lister & Co v Stubbs was followed in *Powell & Thomas v Evans Jones & Co* ([1905] 1 KB 11) and *Attorney-General v Goddard* ((1929) 98 LJKB 743). In *Regal (Hastings) Ltd v Gulliver (Note)* ([1967] 2 AC 134) shares intended to be acquired by directors at par to avoid them giving a guarantee of the obligations under a lease were sold at a profit and the directors were held to be liable to the company for the proceeds of sale, applying *Keech v Sandford*.

In *Reading v Attorney-General* ([1951] AC 507), the Crown confiscated thousands of pounds paid to an army sergeant who had abused his official position to enable drugs to be imported. The Crown was allowed to keep the confiscated moneys to avoid circuity of action.

Finally in *Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines v Denby* ([1987] 1 Lloyd's Rep. 367) Mr Justice Leggatt followed *Lister & Co v Stubbs* as indeed he was bound to do.

The authorities which followed *Lister & Co v Stubbs* did not cast any new light on that decision.

Their Lordships were more impressed with the decision of Mr Justice Lai Kew Chai in *Sumitomo Bank Ltd v Kartika Ratna Thahir* ([1993] 1 SLR 735).

After considering in detail all the relevant authorities Mr Justice Lai Kew Chai determined robustly (at p810) that *Lister & Co v Stubbs* was wrong and that its undesirable and unjust consequences should not be imported and perpetuated as part of the law of Singapore.

Their Lordships were also much indebted for the fruits of research and the careful discussion of the present topic in an article entitled "Bribes and Secret Commissions" by Sir Peter Millett ([1993] Restitution Law Review 7).

The conclusions reached in *Sumitomo Bank Ltd v Kartika Ratna Thahir* and the views expressed by Sir Peter Millett were influenced by the decision of the House of Lords in *Phipps v Boardman* ([1967] 2 AC 46) which demonstrated the strictness with which equity regarded the conduct of a fiduciary and the extent to which equity was willing to impose a constructive trust on property obtained by a fiduciary by virtue of his office.

If a fiduciary acting honestly and in good faith and making a profit which his principal could not make for himself became a constructive trustee of that profit then a fiduciary acting dishonestly and criminally who accepted a bribe and thereby caused loss and damage to his principal was also a constructive trustee and was not be allowed by any means to make any profit from his wrongdoing.

The Attorney-General for Hong Kong had registered caveats against the title of the three New Zealand properties. He sought to renew the caveats to prevent any dealing with the property pending the hearing of proceedings which had been initiated for the purpose of claiming the properties on a constructive trust.

The respondents opposed the renewal of the caveats on the ground that the Crown had no equitable interest in the properties.

For the reasons indicated, their Lordships considered that the three properties so far as they represented bribes accepted by Mr Reid were held in trust for the Crown.

Their Lordships recommended that the appeal should be allowed.

Solicitors: Herbert Smith; Simons Muirhead & Burton.

Meaning of intimate body search

Regina v Hughes

Before Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Schiemann and Mr Justice Wright

[Judgment November 9]

An intimate body search, as defined by section 118 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, clearly required some physical intrusion into a body orifice, some physical examination rather than mere visual examination or any attempt to cause the person to extrude what was contained in the body through one of its orifices.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing an appeal by Patrick Darren Hughes against conviction on a plea of guilty, on re-arraignment after a ruling in Swindon Crown Court (before Judge Fanner) to possession of cannabis resin. A six-month probation order was made.

The appeal was brought on the trial judge's certificate that the case raised a point of law on whether, where a suspect had put in his mouth what a police officer believed was a prohibited substance and attempted to recover it from the suspect's mouth by taking hold of his jaw and nose in order to compel him to spit out whatever was in his mouth, what the police officer did amounted to an intimate search as defined by section 118(1).

Section 118(1) defines "intimate search" to mean "a search which consists of the physical examination of a person's body orifices".

Mr Peter Codner, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Miss Susan L. Evans for the Crown.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the judgment of the court, said that the appellant was approached in a public convenience by a police officer who said that as the result of a report he had received he wished to search the appellant. The appellant swore at the officer, took something out of a jacket pocket and put his hand to his mouth.

The officer asked the appellant to spit it out. He refused and began to chew. The officer took hold of the appellant and tried to make him open his mouth. They fell to the floor and the officer held on to the appellant's jaw with one hand and the outside of his nostrils with the other to induce him to breathe through his mouth. He gagged and spat out a plastic wrapper containing cannabis.

The judge ruled that what had taken place was not an intimate search and also that, although the *Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (s.66) Codes of Practice* would not have been complied with if what the officer had done amounted to a search, it had not amounted to a search of the appellant and was action taken by the officer to prevent the destruction of what he reasonably thought was evidence. He ruled the evidence to be admissible.

Their Lordships did not accept Mr Codner's argument that laying hands on the appellant to force the mouth to be opened and the cannabis to be extruded was an intimate search.

The definition given in section 118 clearly required that there should be some physical intrusion into the body orifice, some physical examination rather than mere visual examination or any attempt to cause the person to extrude what was contained in the body through one of its orifices.

It would be absurd if a visual examination of an open mouth had to be conducted, as required by section 55 of the 1984 Act by a registered nurse or a registered medical practitioner because it was an intimate bodily search. By the same token, the officer was merely getting the appellant to spit something out and that did not amount to an intimate search of a body orifice.

Their Lordships could not agree with the judge's conclusion that what was done was not a search but if it had been a search, and although there was a breach of the code in relation to a search in general, it was not such that the evidence extruded from the appellant's own mouth should have been excluded under section 78.

There was nothing unfair about the admission of the evidence and there was no merit in the appeal.

Solicitors: CPS, Swindon.

Reversion of school land

Marchant and Others v Onslow

Where land which had been conveyed as a site for a school under section 2 of the School Sites Act 1841 ceased to be so used and had not formed part of a larger estate, then the land reverted to the successors in title to the grantors of the conveyance.

Mr David Neuberger, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Chancery Division, so held on September 17 when determining the proper construction and effect of the 1841 Act which had arisen in proceedings between the Rev Canon Iain Marchant, Mr Fred Passant and Miss Elaine Frampton, the rector and churchwardens of Newent, Gloucestershire, and Mrs Susan Onslow as to the fate of moneys realised from the sale of the site of the former Old Picklenash School, Newent.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the words "... shall thereupon immediately revert to and become a portion of the said estate held in fee simple or otherwise or of any manor or land as aforesaid ..." in section 2 of the 1841 Act were obscure, because despite the word "said" there was no previous reference to an "estate".

The section might well not have envisaged the possibility of the conveyance of a free-standing site and in those circumstances Parliament must have intended that it should revert to the original grantor or his successors in title.

Where, however, land was part of other land at the time of the grant then the site would revert to the present owner of the grantor's neighbouring land. It was a question of fact in each case as to whether or not the site was part of other land.

Creditor not bound by arrangement

In re a Debtor (No 64 of 1992)

Before Mr Colin Rimer, QC

[Judgment November 5]

A creditor who did not receive notice of a meeting pursuant to section 257 of the Insolvency Act 1986 was not bound by the voluntary arrangement approved at it and could proceed with the steps necessary to bring about the debtor's bankruptcy.

Mr Colin Rimer, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Chancery Division, so held in a reserved judgment allowing the appeal of the Bradford and Bingley Building Society against the order of District Judge Willers made on February 18, 1993 at Hertford County Court whereby she set aside a statutory demand which had been served on the debtor.

Mr James Barker for the building society; Miss Jill Johnston for the debtor.

HIS LORDSHIP said that on October 9, 1992 the society served on the debtor a statutory demand under section 268(1)(a) of the 1096 Act alleging a debt of £411,501.18.

That sum was arrived at by subtracting an unspecified valuer's estimate of the value of the security at the date of the demand from the total indebtedness of "£675,250.00 together with interest thereon, costs and expenses".

Thus the demand failed to specify precisely either of the two figures involved in the arithmetical calculation necessary to produce the figure of £411,501.18. But there was no suggestion that the debtor failed to understand how the figure had been calculated or that she denied that her indebtedness to the society at the date of the demand exceeded the amount of the security by a substantial margin, being probably well into six figures, and that the excess remained unpaid.

After a consideration of section 267(2)(b) of the 1986 Act, Rule 6.1(5) of the Insolvency Rules (SI 1986 No 1925) and Order 6, rule 2(4) of the Rules of the Supreme Court, his Lordship rejected the debtor's first ground of appeal that the sum claimed in the demand was not a liquidated sum.

The second ground of appeal was that the debtor was subject to a voluntary arrangement made on June 8, 1992 pursuant to Part VIII of the 1986 Act. The debtor asserted that the society was bound by such arrangement and that, in consequence, it ought not to have served the statutory demand.

On May 18, 1992 notice of the meeting of creditors to be held on June 8 was sent to the creditors pursuant to section 257 of the 1986 Act. The notice to the society was sent by letter to its head office at "PO Box 88, Crossflats, Bingley, West Yorkshire".

However, the society did not receive the notice, *inter alia*, because the Crossflats address did not become its head office until June 1. The society was therefore ignorant of the meeting that was duly held on June 8 and did not attend.

The debtor's principal argument was that even though the society had no actual notice of the section 257 meeting it nevertheless had constructive notice of it and was therefore bound in all respect by the voluntary arrangement approved at the meeting as if it were a party to it.

His Lordship considered rules 5.13(2), 12.10, 12.11(1) and 12.16 of the 1986 Rules, Order 65 rule 5(1) of the Rules of the Supreme Court, section 260 (1) and (2) of the 1986 Act and *Muir Hunter on Personal Insolvency* ((1988) pp3023-4, Release 13: 11-ii-93).

He said that in specifying whether or not a creditor was bound by the arrangement, section 260(2)(b) focused on whether or not he "had notice of" the meeting, that is, in his Lordship's view, had received notice of it. By contrast, the presumed validation of a meeting under rule 12.16 depended essentially on whether or not the notice was duly sent, whether or not actually received.

Further, the only presumption that rule 12.16 in terms raised was as to the validity of the summoning and holding of the meeting: it did not purport also to raise a presumption that a creditor had notice of the meeting when in fact he had none.

In his Lordship's judgment, those considerations pointed to the conclusion that, even though a section 257 meeting might be presumed by rule 12.16 to have been duly summoned and held, nevertheless a creditor who had no actual notice of it would not be bound by any arrangement which was approved at it.

Nor did the society have constructive notice of the meeting. A person ordinarily only had constructive notice of a fact when he was put on notice of matters whose investigation would lead him to discover it, an investigation which he abstained from making; or where he anyway deliberately or carelessly failed to make enquiries which a prudent person in his position ought to have made and which, if made, would have led him to discovery of the fact.

Therefore the society had no notice of the section 257 meeting. It was not one of the debtor's creditors which was bound by the voluntary arrangement and was entitled to serve a statutory demand on the debtor with a view, if the same was not complied with, to the subsequent presentation of a bankruptcy petition.

Solicitors: Hammond Suddards, Manchester; Tringhams.

European Law Report Luxembourg

Reasons for difference in pay

Enderby v Frenchay Health Authority and Another

Case C-127/92

Before O. Due, President and Judges G. F. Mancini, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, D. A. O. Edward, R. Joliet, F. A. Schockweiler, F. Grévisse, M. Zuleeg and J. L. Murray

Advocate General C. O. Lenz

(Opinion July 14)

[Judgment October 27]

Workers would be unable to enforce the principle of equal pay before national courts if evidence of a *prima facie* case of discrimination did not shift to the employer the burden of showing that there were objective reasons for the difference in pay between the categories of workers concerned.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held in replying to questions submitted to it for a preliminary ruling by the Court of Appeal of England and Wales.

The appellant in the main proceedings, who was employed as a speech therapist by the Frenchay Health Authority, considered that she was a victim of sex discrimination due to the fact that at her level of seniority (Chief III) within the National Health Service members of her profession, which was overwhelmingly a female profession, were appreciably less well paid than members of comparable professions in which, at an equivalent professional level, there were more men than women.

In 1986, she brought proceedings against her employer before an industrial tribunal, claiming that her annual pay was only £10,106 while that of a principal clinical psychologist and of a Grade III principal pharmacist, jobs which were of equal value to hers, was £12,527 and £14,106 respectively.

Dr Enderby's claim was dismissed by the industrial tribunal and then, on appeal, by the Employment Appeal Tribunal. On appeal, the Court of Appeal, considering that the outcome of the proceedings depended on the interpretation of article 119 of the Treaty, decided to refer questions to the Court of Justice for a preliminary ruling.

In its judgment the European Court of Justice ruled as follows:

Burden of proof

In its first question, the Court of Appeal wished to know whether the principle of equal pay for men and women required the employer to prove, by providing objective justification, that a difference in pay between two jobs assumed to be of equal value, of which one was carried out almost exclusively by women and the other predominantly by men, did not constitute sex discrimination.

It was normally for the person alleging facts in support of a claim to adduce proof of such facts. Thus, in principle, the burden of proving the existence of sex discrimination as to pay lay with the worker who, believing himself to be the victim of such discrimination, brought legal proceedings against his employer with a view to removing the discrimination.

However, it was clear from the case law of the Court that the onus might shift when that was necessary to avoid depriving workers who appeared to be the victims of discrimination of any effective means of enforcing the principle of equal pay.

Accordingly, when a measure distinguishing between employees on the basis of their hours of work had in practice, an adverse impact on substantially more members of one or other sex, that measure had to be regarded as contrary to the objective pursued by article 119 of the Treaty, unless the employer showed that it was based on objectively justified factors unrelated to any discrimination on the ground of sex.

However, the present case was not one of *de facto* discrimination arising from a particular sort of arrangement such as might apply, for example, in the case of part-time workers.

Furthermore, there could be no complaint that the employer had applied a system of pay wholly lacking in transparency since the rates of pay of NHS speech therapists and pharmacists were decided by regular collective bargaining processes in which there was no evidence of discrimination as regards either of those two professions.

However, if the pay of speech therapists was significantly lower than that of pharmacists and if the former were almost exclusively women while the latter were predominantly men, there was a *prima facie* case of sex discrimination, at least when the two jobs in question were of equal value and the statistics describing that situation were valid.

It was for the national court to assess whether it might take into account those statistics, that is to say, whether they covered enough individuals, whether they illustrated purely fortuitous or short-term phenomena, and whether, in general, they appeared to be significant.

Where there was a *prima facie* case of discrimination, it was for the employer to show that there were objective reasons for the difference in pay. Workers would be unable to enforce the principle of equal pay before national courts if evidence of a *prima facie* case of discrimination did not shift to the employer the onus of showing that the pay differential was not in fact discriminatory.

Collective bargaining

In its second question, the Court of Appeal wished to know whether the employer could rely as sufficient justification for the difference in pay upon the fact that the rates of pay of the jobs in question were decided by collective bargaining processes which, although carried out by the same parties, were distinct and which, considered separately, had no discriminatory effect.

It was clear from article 4 of Council Directive 75/117/EEC of February 10, 1975 on the approximation of the laws of the member states relating to the application of the principle of equal pay for men and women (OJ 1975 L45, p19), that collective agreements, like laws, regulations or administrative provisions, had to observe the principle enshrined in article 119 of the Treaty.

The fact that the rates of pay at issue were decided by collective bargaining processes conducted separately for each of the two professional groups concerned, without any discriminatory effect within each group, did not preclude a finding of *prima facie* discrimination where the results of those processes showed that two groups with the same employer and the same trade union were treated differently.

If the employer could rely on the absence of discrimination within each of the collective bargaining processes taken separately as sufficient justification for the difference in pay, he could easily circumvent the principle of equal pay by using separate bargaining processes.

Effect of shortage of candidates

In its third question, the Court of Appeal wished to know to what extent, wholly, in part or not at all, the fact that part of the difference in pay was attributable to a shortage of candidates for one job and to the need to attract them by higher salaries could objectively justify that pay differential.

The Court had consistently held that it was for the national court, which had sole jurisdiction to make findings of fact, to determine whether and to what extent the grounds put forward by an employer to explain the adoption of a pay practice which applied independently of a worker's sex but in fact affected more women than men might be regarded as objectively justified economic grounds.

Those grounds might include, if they could be attributed to the needs and objectives of the undertaking, different criteria such as the worker's flexibility or adaptability to hours and places of work, his training or his length of service.

The state of the employment market which might lead an employer to increase the pay of a particular job in order to attract candidates, might constitute an objectively justified economic ground within the meaning of the case law cited above. How it was to be applied in the circumstances of each case depended on the facts and so fell within the jurisdiction of the national court.

On those grounds, the European Court ruled:

1 Where significant statistics disclosed an appreciable difference in pay between two jobs of equal value, one of which was carried out almost exclusively by women and the other predominantly by men, article 119 of the Treaty required the employer to show that difference was based on objectively justified factors unrelated to any discrimination on the ground of sex.

2 The fact that the respective rates of pay of two jobs of equal value, one carried out almost exclusively by women and the other predominantly by men, were arrived at by collective bargaining processes which, although carried out by the same parties, were distinct, and, taken separately, had in themselves no discriminatory effect, was not sufficient objective justification for the difference in pay between those two jobs.

3 It was for the national court to determine, if necessary by applying the principle of proportionality, whether and to what extent the shortage of candidates for a job and the need to attract them by higher pay constituted an objectively justified economic ground for the difference in pay between the jobs in question.

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Dated 12th November 1993
Mrs. Cynthia S. Kenny, liquidator

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named company will be held at 28 Bolton Street, Mayfair, London W1Y 8HB on Thursday 18th November 1993 at 2.00 pm for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Pursuant to Section 98(2) of the Act, lists of names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection, free of charge, at Harris Kafton, Chartered Accountants 28 Bolton Street, Mayfair, London W1Y 8HB between the hours of 10.00 & 17.00 on the two business days falling next before the day of the meeting.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
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Graham Holt, Secretary.

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In Administrative Receivership
Registered Number: 2276881
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above-named company will be held at Manor Park Country Hotel, Thornhill, Cardiff on 19 November 1993 at 11.30 hrs for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented.
Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers not later than 12.00 hrs on 18 November 1993 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of The Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
P R COPP
Joint Administrative Receiver

In the Matter of Greatwest Electrical Group Limited
And in the Matter of the Insolvency Act and Rules 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106, we, Colin M Haig of Nevile Russell, 1 Telford Way, Luton LU1 1HT and Adrian R Stanway of Cork Gully, Hill House, Richmond Hill, Bournemouth BH2 6HR, give notice that on 14 October 1993 we were appointed Joint liquidators of Greatwest Electrical Group Limited by resolutions of members and creditors.
Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before 30 November 1993 to send in their full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned A R Stanway of Cork Gully, Hill House, Richmond Hill, Bournemouth BH2 6HR, the Joint liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Joint liquidator are personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution.
Dated: 20 October 1993
Colin M Haig of Nevile Russell
Joint Liquidator
Adrian R Stanway of Cork Gully
Joint Liquidator

JOBSPROFIT LIMITED
Company Number: 599751
Notice is hereby given that: At an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above Company held at Laurentian House Barnwood, Gloucester on 9th November 1993, a Special Resolution was passed authorising payment of £450,000 out of the capital of the Company in respect of the purchase by the Company of 450,000 shares of £1.00 each from Laurentian Group Corporation. The amount of the permissible capital payment was £450,000.
The statutory declaration and auditor's report dated 8th November 1993 are available for inspection at Laurentian House, Barnwood, Gloucester, the registered office of the Company.
Any creditor of the Company may apply to the High Court pursuant to Section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 within five weeks immediately following the date of the aforementioned Special Resolution, 9th November 1993, for an Order prohibiting the payment.

No. 009225 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
Mr. Registrar Buckley
In the Matter of
BARKER SECURITIES PLC
and
In the Matter of
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 22nd October 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for:-
(i) the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company ("the Company") from £2,000,000 to £200,000; and
(ii) the cancellation of the share premium account of the Company
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr. Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday 24th November 1993
ANY creditor or shareholder of the Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital and cancellation of share premium account should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same
DATED 8th November 1993
Messrs Malkins of Inigo House
29 Bedford Street
London WC2E 9RT
Ref: RBS/MEF
Solicitors for the Company

Notice of appointment of liquidator
Voluntary winding up Creditors
Pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 1838282.
Nature of business: Construction Engineers Limited. Nature of business, Construction Engineers. Address of registered office: Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ. Type of Liquidation: Creditors Voluntary Liquidator: Richard Andrew Segal A Segal & Co. Trevlot House 186-192 High Road Ilford Essex IG1 1JQ Office holder no: 002685. Date of appointment: 9 November 1993 By whom appointed: The Members & Creditors Date: 9 November 1993

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 251 of 199
IN THE OXFORD COUNTY COURT
IN BANKRUPTCY
To: Mr Ghassan Fakih late of Harcourt Arms, Nuneham Courtenay, Nr Oxford and 100 Culvers Way, Carshalton, Surrey.
Take notice that a Bankruptcy Petition has been presented against you in this court by Courage Limited of Ashby House, 1 Bridge Street, Staines, and the court has ordered that the publication in a national newspaper shall be deemed to be good and sufficient service of the petition upon you.
The said petition will be heard at this court on Monday 20 December 1993 at 10.00 hrs.
Important: If you do not attend the hearing of the Petition the court may make a Bankruptcy Order against you in your absence.
The Petition can be inspected by you on application at this court whose offices are at Oxford Combined Court Centre, St Aldates, Oxford, OX1 1TL.
Dated this 10th day of November 1993
The Petitioners solicitors are Wansbroughs Willey Hargrave of 103 Temple Street, Bristol, BS99 7UD (Ref: 221 FBB 4C3208).

NOTICE OF MEETING OF CREDITORS
R HINE DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in pursuance of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held at the offices of Pitman Cohen, Great Central House, Great Central Avenue, South Ruislip, Middlesex HA4 6TS, on Friday, 22 November 1993 at 10 am for the purpose of having an account laid before them showing the events leading up to the appointment of the Administrative Receiver, the manner in which the administrative receivership has been conducted and the property of the company disposed of, and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receiver.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. A person is entitled to vote at the meeting only if he has given to the Receiver, not later than 12:00 hours on the business day before the above day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the company, and this claim has been duly admitted by the Receiver. A creditor entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting may appoint a proxy or proxies to attend and vote instead of him such proxy to be lodged with the Administrative Receiver prior to the meeting.
DATED this 4th day of November 1993.
I D Holland
Administrative Receiver

Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Act 1986
ONACROFT LIMITED
IN LIQUIDATION
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, David John Mason of Morton Thornton & Co, Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL1 1HD, was appointed Liquidator of Onacroft Limited at a meeting of the company's creditors held on 4 October 1993
David John Mason, Liquidator
DATED this 8 day of November 1993

NOTICE INVITING FORMAL PROOF OF DEBT OR CLAIM
ACN 007 869 329 PTY LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)
(FORMERLY THOMAS HARDY & SON PTY LIMITED)
Take notice that creditors of the company, whose debts or claims have not already been admitted, are required on or before the 26 November 1993 to submit particulars of their debts or claims and to establish any title they may have to priority by delivering or posting to me at my address a formal proof of debt or claim in accordance with Form 535 or 536 containing their respective debts or claims. If they do not they will be excluded from: (a) the benefit of any distribution made before their debts or claims are proved or their priority is established; and
(b) from objecting to the distribution.
Dated this 10 day of November 1993
D J Ollient, Liquidator
Price Waterhouse 75 Hindmarsh Square, Adelaide, South Australia 5000 Australia

Re: HOLT & DAY LIMITED
and
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ on Wednesday the 24th November 1993, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A Segal & Co, Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Monday the 22nd November 1993.
Dated this 5th day of November 1993.
A H Holt, Director.

Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Act 1986
DEALDART LTD - In Liquidation
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, Nigel John Hamilton-Smith of Morton Thornton & Co, Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD was appointed Liquidator of Dealdart Limited by the Secretary of State on 7th October 1993.
DATED this 8th day of November 1993
N J Hamilton-Smith, Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
PRIMA SYSTEMS LIMITED
In Receivership
Company Number: 1149138
Nature of Business: The manufacture, supply and fitting of building components. Trade classification: 23.
Notice is hereby given pursuant to S46(1) of the said Act, that on 8 November 1993, P S Dunn and D A T Wood of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF were appointed joint administrative receivers of the above company by National Westminster Bank PLC.
Dated this 8 day of November 1993
P S Dunn & D A T Wood
Joint Administrative Receivers
(office holder nos: 2368 & 2902)

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England's forward march dogged by uncertainty



Back: flying flanker



GERALD DAVIES
Rugby Commentary

For the moment, I will draw a discreet veil over Wales's naive and unintelligible display against Canada on Wednesday. Let us concentrate instead on England's more urgent matters. For suddenly they, too, are not without problems.

The next two weeks, leading up to the match against New Zealand, represent the least certain period they have known since 1988. Within the living memory of most, this six-year span has been their most fruitful period. It is far too early to strike a valedictory note, but it is a point at which the England management might have to reconsider its strategy.

England must wonder whether the principles that have stood them in good stead still hold true when the circumstances appear to have changed, because of the unavailability of Martin Bayfield. Not that one man makes a team, but his inclusion or otherwise could influence the tactics England employ from now on.

Whereas in the late Seventies, the scrummage and its truant cousin, the static maul, were most influential — disproportionately so in Europe, where they stifled initiative at a time when the southern hemisphere kept the one in its proper place and wisely ignored the other altogether — the lineout has been dominant in recent years. This has proved hugely to England's advantage.

The full force of the lineout's influence was not appreciated until 1988, when Wade Dooley was joined by the mighty Paul Ackford. The pair ruled rugby's jungle. As they departed the crowded scene — and Ackford's performance in the 1992 Pilkington Cup final, for which he came out of retirement, is still etched in the memory — Bayfield was heir, along with Johnson, to the domain. Now that the 6ft 10in Northampton lock is not available, the question is to what extent have England, whose lineout strength has been important to their dominance in Europe, made much else secondary?

While the supply is good, and in England's case prolifically so, it leads to a comfortable life. Too comfortable, perhaps, since it encourages less of a sharp edge elsewhere. To put all your eggs in one basket, as the prejudiced proponents of scrummaging found out, will not do.

From here spring other questions. If the lineout no longer looks as reliable a source, to what extent does the whole pack begin to look more fragile with the exclusion of Probyn from the scrum?

Where once England dominated both phases, are they now in a position to control either? In the past, they prepared for matches knowing they would be second to none in the tight. When next at Twickenham, however, they will emerge with a few question marks hanging over them. They will have points to prove against New Zealand on November 27, to themselves and to others.

Now that these uncertainties have emerged, the argument for Neil Back's inclusion loses its force. He is the type of player who is more likely to perform at his best with the luxury of a dominant pack, at the side of which he would need to worry less about the hard graft of back-row work.

Unless, that is, England's tactics are so modified as to need a flyer in the open spaces. But the manner the divisional teams have played, reflecting perhaps a national trend, would deem a flyer redundant.

It must have raised a smile among New Zealanders to see the persistence with which each team they have played insisted on having back-row forwards lower their heads and charge back into their own kind at ruck and maul, where the defence is thickest.

No wonder New Zealand are complimented on how difficult it is to score against them. The strategy holds no surprises for them. For the sake of northern hemisphere rugby, hopefully England will feel inclined to come up with an approach that does.

Canada search for European contact to further ambition

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

CANADA left Cardiff for home yesterday highly satisfied both with their 26-24 victory over Wales on Wednesday night and the burgeoning prospects for regular international contacts. Having played England last autumn and Wales this year, they are now looking at greater participation with European teams.

"Our objective is to show we're competitive with the top eight in the world," Ian Birtwell, their coach, said. "We're on a par with some of the home unions and will test ourselves against Ireland next autumn." What Canada would enjoy is participation on a tournament basis in which they could attract the publicity that even their feats in the 1991 World Cup did not bring them on the broad Canadian sporting scene.

The leading tournament in the northern hemisphere is the five nations' championship. At one time or another, there has been debate about enlarging the scope of that championship by the inclusion of, for example, Romania. If Canada sustain this kind of result in their build-up to the 1995 World Cup — their next outings are two internationals matches against France in Montreal next June — they would make a strong case for inclusion.

They have already attracted the attention of Canada Life, the assurance company that provided £20,000 sponsorship for the match on Wednesday, and Neil Stevens, the company's marketing manager, said: "We would be delighted to discuss continuing this kind of floodlit fixture on a regular basis."

The Welsh and Canadian unions have discussed playing early next summer as part of Wales's visit to the South Sea islands. That may be too much of a good thing: Wales play World Cup qualifying games in Spain and Portugal in mid-May and then have three internationals in the Pacific. They return to further World Cup games next September against, in all probability, Romania and Italy, followed by the incoming South African tour.

At the moment, the Wales team management is rationalising a game to which their players adopted a notably blinkered approach. "We have got to put the pieces back together and we haven't much time," Robert Norster, the manager, said. "The game wasted so much of the effort the coaches put in because the players failed to carry out what they had planned to do."

Birtwell agreed it was a poor quality game but at least he saw his players win by doing what they had set out to do. "We had been working on lying forwards off when the backs are involved in a maul," he said. Thus it was when Colin McKenzie charged towards the right-hand corner and Ron Toews went into support him, the line-up on the left as the Welsh cover was dragged across included the lock, Al Charron, who scored the equalising try. The conversion by Gareth Rees, selected man of the match, won the game.

Canada were fortunate that McKenzie was still on the pitch. One look at Rupert Moon's face afterwards suggested that there could have been a second Philip de Glanville incident, after the Canadian No 8 appeared to stamp on the Welsh scrum half's head. "What do you have to do to be sent off?" Moon said quizzically.

In fact, McKenzie was flagged by Helmut Rohr, the German touch judge, who is the product of a new policy by the International Rugby Football Board to introduce referees from the "emerging" unions to the atmosphere of leading matches played by the senior countries. It is a laudable ambition but it fell to Rohr to advise Owen Doyle, the referee, of the stamping. Perhaps a more experienced official would have recommended that McKenzie should be dismissed.

As it was, he was penalised and Neil Jenkins kicked the seventh of his eight penalty goals to regain the lead for Wales. Would Canada have been able to stage their last-minute rally with 14 men?

☐ Dewi Morris, the England and British Lions scrum half, and Martin Hynes, the England A prop, return to a reinforced Orrell side for the Courage league first division match against Northampton at Franklin Gardens on Saturday.

☐ The Australians beat the French Barbarians 43-26 in Clermont-Ferrand yesterday. It was the last match of their tour of France and Marty Roebuck, the full back, who was making his final appearance for Australia, landed eight penalty goals.

SCORERS: French Barbarians: Tries: Saint-Andre, Dal Maso. Conversions: Charvet (2). Penalty goals: Charvet (4). Australia: Tries: Lee, Catchpole, Campese. Conversions: Roebuck, Little. Penalty goals: Roebuck (8).



BARRY GREENWOOD

The Paul Orrs, nephew and uncle, are mining a rich vein of community feeling for football in Knowsley

Knowsley silence the jokers

Peter Ball looks at an ambitious football club that has regenerated part of Merseyside

IN A previous existence, Knowsley United's ground, Alt Park, was the home of Huyton Rugby League club. The club was so unsuccessful it provided material for the host of Merseyside comedians, and a regular supply of firewood, lead and other moveables for the local "Scallies".

One joke brought the two worlds together. "Huyton people love their rugby, why they even keep taking bits of the ground home," a doleful comedian would tell his audience that.

"When we came here it was wrecked, it was like West Beirut," said Paul J. Orr, the founder and manager of Knowsley United, the new owner of Alt Park. "Worse than Beirut," said his uncle and club chairman, Paul G. Orr, a former Lord Mayor of Liverpool and one of non-League football's great characters on Merseyside.

Now Huyton has found a club to fit into the neighbourhood, a passionate footballing area, rather more comfortably than the alien rugby league club. On Saturday, the club moves into the national consciousness for the first time since becoming Knowsley United five years ago when it meets Carlisle United in the FA Cup first round.

Knowsley were originally Kirkby Town 1984, a club reformed from the fall-out after the original Kirkby was torn apart by internal wranglings. A Sunday club, the Fantails, that won the FA Sunday Cup under the management of Paul Orr Jr, provided the base, and when his uncle, the director in charge of football at the original Kirkby club, was enticed back, the club was on its way.

The move to Huyton, and the change of name under council patronage to unite the disconnected areas that make up Knowsley, happened five years ago. From the "slab with drainage of a sort", left when Huyton gave up the unequal battle, the club is now building a spick and span new ground. Progress on the field has proved equally impressive, the club embarking on its first season in the Northern Premier League premier division after a rise through the Bass North West Counties League.

Slowly, the community has become involved. There is a full football programme, with a women's team and a junior programme that has already borne fruit — Mike Marsh, of West Ham, played for the junior teams in pre-Huyton days before going to Liverpool for a £40,000 fee that helped build the stadium.

The ground has two function rooms, with bars, a stage and accommodation for 500 and 300 people, a sponsors' room to make many lower-division Football League clubs envious, and the usual array of social and sporting activities. Getting community acquiescence is one thing; getting their money is a harder task.

In the fourth qualifying round, 951, a record, paid to watch Knowsley's second replay with Stafford Rangers — and rather more did not pay. "It was a question of close the door, they're coming in the window," Paul Jr said. "Scousers have this innate hatred of paying for anything."

Knowsley charge only £2.50 admission, the lowest in their league, but that makes little difference. "If we let the people in free, we'd get 5,000 every week," Paul Sr said.

This week, that is the least they expect. Alt Park, though, will not be put to the test, as the need to build new turnstiles, bring in separate toilet and food facilities, and extend the fencing to segregate the two sets of supporters proved impracticable. The game will be held at Goodison, familiar to John McMahon, Steve's brother, and two other players, Andy Diggle and Dave O'Brien.

For them, this will be the great moment. For others fulfilment of the dream that unites every non-League club this week may be delayed. "If we can just beat Carlisle, and then get Runcorn or Marine at home in the next round, then who knows, we could be drawn at Anfield or Old Trafford," Paul Orr said. Whichever one said it, he spoke for both.

England's rivals in World Cup at full strength

BY KEITH PIKE

SAN Marino will be at full strength for the World Cup qualifying tie against England in Bologna next Wednesday. England have to win by a minimum of seven goals and hope that Poland beat Holland in Poznan on the same night to qualify for the finals from group two.

The San Marino squad, announced yesterday, contains one full-time professional, Mauro Valentini, the defender who plays for Rimini in the fourth division of the Italian league.

Arthur Numan, the PSV Eindhoven midfield player, is the only change in the Holland squad. Numan replaces Frank Rijkaard, who played in the 2-0 win over England in Rotterdam last month but is now suspended.

Wrexham, the struggling second division club, have paid Nottingham Forest £200,000 for Andy Marriott, the goalkeeper who had been with them on a month's loan. Marriott, 23, started his career at Arsenal before moving to the City Ground four years ago.

He played for Forest in the 1-0 League Cup final defeat against Manchester United at Wembley in 1992, and won England schoolboy, youth and under-21 caps, and is likely to play in the FA Cup first-round tie against Walsall on Saturday.

West Bromwich Albion have decided not to pursue their interest in Austin Eguavon, the Nigeria international, after discovering he is banned from all football in Europe until next June.

Eguavon had joined Albion on a month's trial but had not told them he had been suspended by the Belgium Football Association for failing to attend a hearing after he had been sent off playing for KV Kortrijk.

Brian McClair has signed a new three-year contract with Manchester United.

Cardiff City, the holders, have been drawn away to Wrexham in the fourth round of the Allbright Bitter Welsh Cup.

WELSH CUP: Fourth round: Porthcawl Town v Inter-Cardiff; Ton Pentre v Bangor City; Wrexham v Cardiff City; Hereford United v Newtown; Barry Town v Holywell Town, Ebbw Vale v Cornish's Quay; Rhyl v Swansea City or Merthyr Tydfil, Briton Ferry v Flint Town United.
Ties to be played on or before December 11.

AUTOGLASS TROPHY: Second round: Northern section: * Chester City or Crewe Alexandra v Rotherham United; Lincoln City v Darlington; * Bradford City v Chester City, Crewe Alexandra or Blackpool; Stockport County v Rochdale; Huddersfield Town v Preston North End; York City v Mansfield Town; Scarborough v Scunthorpe United; Carlisle United v Bury. Southern section: Wycombe Wanderers v Cardiff City; Reading v Northampton Town, Bristol Rovers v Fulham; Bournemouth v Leyton Orient; Wrexham v Colchester United; Hereford United v Brentford; Cambridge United v Port Vale; Swansea City v Exeter.
Matches to be played week beginning November 29.
* Depending on outcome of final group match between Crewe and Blackpool on November 18.

Brooke ruled out of tour by injury

BY ALAN LORIMER

ROBIN Brooke, the Auckland lock forward, will take no further part in the New Zealand tour of Britain after failing to recover from a calf muscle injury. It is expected that Blair Larsen will be confirmed as his replacement.

Brooke had been named in the New Zealanders' team to meet Scotland A at Old Anniesland tomorrow, but after failing to complete a training session because of the troublesome injury he was withdrawn both from the team and the tour party.

His place at lock tomorrow has gone to Steve Gordon, whose form in the crushing defeat of South of Scotland on Wednesday at the front of the lineout could put him in line for a first international cap.

The New Zealand selectors have also picked Jamie Joseph, recovered from a rib injury, and Paul Henderson, neither of whom have played since the game against the South and South-West at Redruth.

Craig Chalmers, the Melrose stand-off half, has withdrawn from the Scotland A team because of the shoulder injury he sustained in the match at Netherdale on Wednesday. Doug Wyllie, who is also in the Development XV to meet New Zealand next Tuesday, moves up from the replacements and has been named as captain. On to the bench comes Ally Donaldson, the Edinburgh and Currie stand-off.

The other change in the Scotland A replacements is necessitated by an elbow injury to Peter Wright, the Scotland and British Isles prop. Grant Wilson, who went on the Scotland tour of Fiji, Tonga and Western Samoa, takes Wright's place.

Chalmers is expected to be fit for the international against New Zealand at Murrayfield a week tomorrow, but Wright, whose injury will sideline him for a further two weeks, will be ruled out of selection for the Scotland team, due to be chosen tomorrow and announced on Sunday morning. Given the South's defeat at Netherdale on Wednesday, the Scotland selectors can ill afford to be without a player of Wright's experience.

NEW ZEALAND XV: J Timu (Otago); J Wilson (Otago), F Bunce (North Harbour), M Cooper (Waikato), V Tuigamala (Auckland); M Ellis (Otago), S Forster (Otago); C Dowd (Auckland), S Fitzpatrick (Auckland, captain), O Brown (Auckland), J Joseph (Otago), S Gordon (Waikato), I Jones (North Auckland), P Henderson (Southland). A Pene (Otago). Replacements: L Stanianese (Auckland), J Preston (Otago), L Barry (North Harbour), B Larsen (North Harbour), G Purvis (Waikato), N Hewitt (Hawkes Bay).

RESULTS SERVICE

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New York 92, Washington 84; Boston 91, Philadelphia 89; Chicago 91, Milwaukee 90; Phoenix 101, San Antonio 93; Utah 91, Atlanta 88; Sacramento 112, Los Angeles Lakers 101

BOXING

WATFORD: British and Commonwealth championship: Billy Schwer (Luton) bt Paul Burke (Preston, holder), pts.

BETHNAL GREEN, London: British middleweight championship: Neville Brown (Burton) bt Frank Grant (Bradford), rsc 7th rnd.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Hobart: Western Australia 252-3 (J Langer 135, D Martyn 72 not out) v Tasmania

FOOTBALL

Late results on Wednesday

COCA-COLA CUP: Third-round replays: Crystal Palace 1, Everton 4, Norwich 0, Arsenal 3; Sheffield Wednesday 2, Middlesbrough 1 (aet, 1-1 after 90min)

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: Wolverhampton Wanderers 1, Nottingham Forest 1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Rangers 3, Dundee 1. First division: Hamilton 2, Dumbarton 0.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES CUP: Second round, second leg: Llanelli 4, Maesteg Park 1 (agg: 7-3).

ANGLO-ITALIAN CUP: International stage: Group B: Stoke 0, Fiorentina 0.

AUTOGLASS TROPHY: First round: Reading 1, Fulham 0.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa 3, Leicester 1, Blackburn 0, Sunderland 0; Manchester United 0, Liverpool 0; Newcastle 2, Sheffield United 0. Second division: Blackpool 1, Port Vale 1; Burnley 4, Middlesbrough 2; Rotherham 5, West Bromwich 0; Tranmere 3, Huddersfield 0.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Brighton 0, Watford 0; Bristol Rovers 1, Wimbledon 1, Charlton 2, Norwich 1; Ipswich 3, QPR 2. Second division: Plymouth 1, Exeter 2; Torquay 2, Birmingham 1; Yeovil 3, Cardiff 1.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Chesham 3, Wokingham 0; Harrow 3, Wivenhoe 0.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Congleton 4, Caernarfon 2; Lancaster 3, Great Harwood 0.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Dr Martens Cup: Second round: Bridgnorth 0, Gresley 4; Sutton Coldfield 1, Moor Green 3.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Consett 1, Guisborough 1; Whitby 5, Ferryhill Ath 1; Newcastle Blue Star 3, Tow Law 2.

FA YOUTH CUP: First-round replays: Nuneaton Borough 2, Stratford Town 1; East Thurrock Utd 2, Dulwich Hamlet 4 (aet).

WORLD CUP: European qualifying: Group one: Portugal 3, Estonia (in Lisbon). Group six: Austria 1, Sweden 1 (in Vienna).

ITALIAN CUP: Second round, second leg: Lucchese 2, Internazionale 1 (2-3 on agg). Third round, first leg: AC Milan 1, Piacenza 1.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Angers 1, Strasbourg 3; Auxerre 0, Bordeaux 1; Caen 0, Montpellier 0; Cannes 0, Monaco 2; Lens 1, Nantes 1; Martigues 2, St Etienne 1; Metz 1, Lille 1; Paris Saint-Germain 0, Le Havre 0; Sochaux 0, Toulouse 0.

GERMAN LEAGUE: Karlsruhe 0, Stuttgart 0.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Celta 0, Sporting Gijón 2; Logroñes 1, Seville 1; Rayo Vallecano 4, Real Sociedad 1; Lerida 0 Albacete 1; Racing Santander 2, Real Zaragoza 0; Atlético Madrid 3, Osasuña 0; Real Oviedo 1, Real Valladolid 0; Athletic Bilbao 3, Deportivo La Coruña 1.

HOCKEY

HIROSHIMA, Japan: Asia Cup: Men: Group A: Pakistan 8, Malaysia 2; China 12, Thailand 0. Group B: South Korea 4, Kazakhstan 0; India 6, Japan 2.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Philadelphia 5, Buffalo 3; Hartford 4, Ottawa 2; Florida 3, Montreal 1; New Jersey 5, New York Islanders 3; New York Rangers 2, Winnipeg 1; Vancouver 4, Los Angeles 0

RUGBY LEAGUE

TOUR MATCH: Catalan selection 22, New Zealand XIII 24 (in Perpignan).

RUGBY UNION

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Wales 24, Canada 28.
TOUR MATCH: French Barbarians 26, Australia XV 43 (in Clermont Ferrand)
CLUB MATCH: Oxford University 47, Penguins 10.

TENNIS

SWINDON: LTA women's satellite tournament: Second round: S Parhomenko (Russ) bt D Cocos (Rom), 6-3, 7-5; C Billingham (Oxon) bt M Hughes (N Wales), 6-3, 6-1; S-A Siddall (Dorset) bt A Schelder (Ger), 6-2 4-6, 6-4; E Borras (Sp) bt S Tse (Holl), 7-6, 6-4; V Humphreys-Davies (Camba) bt C Taylor (Oxon), 6-4, 6-0. Quarter-finals: Parhomenko bt J Dubcova (Cz), 6-4, 6-2; F Boucard (Fr) bt Billingham, 6-4, 6-0; Borras bt Siddall, 7-5, 6-3; E Bond (Gloucs) bt Humphreys-Davies, 6-2, 6-1

ANTWERP: European Community championships: Second round: K Braasch (Ger) bt J Tarango (US), 3-6, 6-2, 6-2; P Sampras (US) bt J Sánchez (Sp), 6-4, 7-5; C Pioline (Fr) bt M Göllner (Ger), 6-3, 7-6; G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt J Van Herck (Bel), 6-3, 6-3; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt B Steven (NZ), 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.

BUENOS AIRES: Men's tournament: First round: J Frana (Arg) bt J Yzaga (Peru), 6-4, 7-6; A Berasategui (Sp) bt F Dewn (Arg), 6-1, 6-2; J Arrese (Sp) bt M Filippini (Uru), 6-3, 5-7, 6-4; D Perez (Uru) bt H de la Pena (Arg), 7-6, 6-4. Second round: E Sánchez (Sp) bt F Santoro (Fr), 5-7, 6-3, 6-2; C Costa (Sp) bt F Roig (Sp), 6-2, 6-2. G Schaller (Austria) bt J Burillo (Sp), 6-0, 6-1; Y El Aynaoui (Mor) bt A Corretja (Sp), 6-4, 6-2; D Orsanic (Arg) bt J Onclins (Bel), 6-2, 2-6, 6-3; A Berasategui (Sp) bt D Perez (Uru), 3-6, 6-0, 6-1; J Frana (Arg) bt D Reid (Cz) 6-3, 6-7, 7-5.

MOSCOW: Men's tournament: Second round: M Larsson (Swe) bt R Matuszewski (US), 6-3, 6-2; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt B Steven (NZ), 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.

PHILADELPHIA: Women's tournament (US unless stated): First round: Z Garrison Jackson bt M Fernandez, 6-4, 6-1; G Sabatini (Arg) bt A Gavaldon, 6-2, 6-1; M Pierce (Fr) bt I Majoli (Cro), 6-0, 7-5; A Grossman bt T Austin 4-6, 6-1, 6-4; L McNeil bt L Neiland (Lat), 6-4, 6-4; A Coetzer (SA) bt N Tauziat (Fr), 6-3, 6-7, 6-3; K Po bt H Sukova (Cz), 7-6, 6-4. Second round: S Graf (Ger) bt P Shriver, 6-1, 6-3. C Martinez (Sp) bt L Raymond, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5; K Po bt H Sukova (Cz), 7-6, 6-4; Coetzer bt Tauziat, 6-3, 6-7, 6-3. N Zvereva (Belo) bt Grossman, 6-4, 6-0, L Davenport bt N Arandt, 3-6, 7-5, 6-4.

TENPIN BOWLING

JOHANNESBURG: World Cup: Qualifying: Men (after four days): 1, T Leandersson (Swe), 6,572; 2, R Puisis (Ger), 6,503; 3, J Guay (Can), 6,481 British placing: 6, P Delany, 6,331 Women: 1, R Greiner (Holl), 5,182; 2, S Manley (US), 5,175; 3, A Cardena (Phil), 5,062, 4, P Smith (GB), 4,935.

FIXTURES

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

FA Cup
First round
Leek v Wigan (all ticket)

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Brighton v Bristol Rovers (2.0); Norwich v Chelsea.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Drogheda v Dundalk (7.45).

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Whitby v Guisborough.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE CUP: Second round: Haslingden v Bacup Borough.

RUGBY UNION

Club matches
Boroughmuir v Hawick
Stirling County v Glasgow High

RUGBY LEAGUE

Regal Trophy
Second round
Dewsbury v St Helens

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: Royal Liver Assurance UK championship (Preston).

SWIMMING: European sprint championship (Gateshead).

TABLE TENNIS: County championship: Senior premier weekend (South Kesteven centre, Grantham, 4.0).

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 48

HALIEUTICS

(a) The art or practice of fishing, or a treatise on the art of fishing, from the Greek *halieutikos* fishing, *halieuein* to fish: Sir Thomas Browne: "Foure bookes of Cynegeticks or venation, five of Halieuticks or piscation."

IDIOCRASY

(b) Peculiarity of physical or mental condition. = *idiosyncrasy*, from the Greek *idio-* personal and peculiar + *krasis* mixing, mixture; 1681: "Idiocrasy, the proper disposition or temperament of a thing or body."

TORPLE

(b) To die, of animals, variant of Old English *to torfle* to founder, go lame, decline in health, snuff it; Mid-Yorkshire Glossary of 1876: "*Torple*: the term is used only of animals."

UNGULATA

(c) The order or division of ungulate or hooved animals, from the Latin *ungulatus* hooved, from *ungula* a hoof: "The group Ungulata, discarded by Linnaeus, Cuvier, and others, has been resuscitated of late years."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE
11 ... Qf5 2 Rf1 Qc5+ 3 Kh1 Qe3 and mate is inevitable.

Journeymen pair make ends meet to try to realise their golfing dreams

Self-help lies at heart of qualifying game

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE IN MONTPELLIER

IAN STEWART



Litton (left) and Bottomley relax in the converted lorry that is their home for the European Tour qualifying school in Montpellier this week

IT IS not the most prepossessing camping site in the world, sandwiched between a heap of grass clippings and the groundsman's shed, but, for Mark Litton and Steve Bottomley, this will be the view from their front window for the next few days.

Brighter vistas may lie ahead. The present is a utilitarian motorhome, a converted four-ton lorry bought off Harvey Smith's youngest son, limited hot water, good home cooking and a camaraderie that does much to compensate for the lack of creature comforts, the broken accelerator cable and the severe case of overheating suffered on the long journey to the south of France.

Besides, despite the repair bills, 150,000 miles on the clock and a boneshaking top speed of 60mph, it is £300 a week cheaper than staying in a hotel, and Bottomley is a Yorkshireman.

The pair have been living in the solitary splendour of the home for much of the season, reviving a tradition that goes back to Ian Woosnam in the day before he swapped his camper van for a private plane and a tax haven in Jersey. Woosnam still fondly remembers those uncomplicated times and it is the vision of emulating the Welshman that drives on the large British contingent in Montpellier for the European Tour qualifying school.

Yesterday, all was sweetness for Bottomley and Litton and, as the electrics had decided to work for once, light. Litton scored a seven-under-par 65, one behind the leader, Andrew Collison, Bottomley a healthy, but more modest 69. "Don't want to peak too soon, you know," Bottomley chided. "He'll be cooking for us all week if he goes on playing like that."

After ten years as a professional, mostly spent plodding round deserted courses on the subsidiary Challenge Tour, Litton is willing to savour any moment of success. Disappointment has been too close a companion for him to be presumptuous about the next five rounds.

"There is still a long way to go, but I've tried to tackle this week more positively than in recent years," Litton said. "Before, I was thinking I don't like the place, I don't like the course, I don't like anything about this. Your whole future's at stake here, but I've tried to forget about that and treat it like a normal tournament. Having the van has helped. You can get away from the tensions of the other players."

There have been more difficult days during the long summer, when the friendship has been strained to the limit by the triumph and despair of their mind-twisting profession. "If he scores 65 and I have 79, it's hard," Bottomley said. "Nobody wants to know you if you've had a bad round. We just try to help each other out as much as we can." With spectacular success at times.

Once, at the dead of night earlier in the season, Bottomley had given Litton some advice on his swing after a poor round. The following day, Litton shot a 65, moving up to second in the tournament, while Bottomley dropped out of contention.

Memory of the indignity provokes a flow of invective. "It was a nightmare. Cost me a fortune and you know what he did when he won £11,000 the previous week: bought me an ice cream. An ice cream. If he wins here, the cost of his board and lodging is doubled, that's for sure." "Hey, it was a very expensive ice cream," Litton countered.

Even by the standards of the qualifying school, Bottomley's bad-luck story is worse than most. Having virtually secured the £1,000 he needed to ensure his Tour card in 1991, he missed his tee-time because of a delay for bad weather and was disqualified. He won £347, not enough to get his card back. He has been on the main Tour for four years on and off, in that twilight world where birdies mean the luxury of new tyres rather than remoulds. "But I keep having to come back to this bloody place," he said, with an understandable touch of bitterness in his voice.

Litton has been here more times than he cares to remember as well and, at 31, time is running out on his dreams. He makes enough to pay the mortgage and keep himself going, supplementing his winnings by selling yardage charts to his fellow competitors at tournaments for £5 each. The danger, he admits, is that you begin to think like a Challenge Tour player and accept limited horizons.

"Some will always stay in that comfort zone. The Challenge Tour is friendly and everyone is happy at others' success. On the main Tour, they will tread all over you to get to the top and that can be hard." For much of the season, Litton had been in the top ten of the Challenge Tour, which would have given him an automatic place on the European Tour next season.

The realisation that he was on the threshold, however, produced self-doubt. "I suddenly knew I would have to find out how good I really was," he said. "By the time I had conquered that, I had gone off the boil and it took five weeks to get my confidence back. I'm coming to the moment when I have to go forward or back." Just as long as that accelerator cable has been fixed.

LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES: La Grande Motte: 64: A Collison (Eng). 65: M Litton (Wales). 66: R Alvarez (Arg), C M Stromberg (Swe). 67: L Westwood (Eng), M Scarpa (It). 68: M Poxon (Eng), R McFarlane (Eng), P Unhart (US), J Taylor (Aus), J Hall (Eng). Massane: 67: B Nelson (US) 68: B Fouchee (SA), A Cruse (SA). 69: I Gervas (Sp), A Cejka (Ger), M Besancenay (Fr). 70: S Graham (Eng), S Hurley (Eng), R Winchester (Eng), N Henning (SA), M Krantz (Swe), R Huxtable (Eng), P Hedblom (Swe).

Sport's rulers stand accused over foul play



David Miller says the errors of officials are tipping the scales against enforcement of justice

The role of the Central Council of Physical Recreation within British sports administration has always been controversial and uncertain, ever since its national sports centres were ceded to control by the Sports Council. The authority of some governing bodies within the CCPR is even more in doubt following a strange blunder in tactics, not to say etiquette.

There has been an attempt to warn off Edward Grayson, Britain's foremost authority on sport's relationship with civil and criminal law, from publishing a revised edition of his seminal work, *Sport And The Law*. Pre-publication publicity on the new edition is already well advanced, and Grayson told the message bearer bluntly what he could tell his employers.

The gist of the warning was that the governing bodies of certain British sports, for whom the CCPR is a relatively powerless talking-shop for cross-reference, have got their act together and no longer need the benefit of Grayson's advice. Indeed, formal legal interference in the shape of Grayson's book was unwelcome, though his presence was as usual appreciatively welcomed at this year's CCPR national conference, which began on Wednesday.

It would be difficult to imagine a more inopportune moment for an attempted muzzling of one of the few people in Britain willing to speak up for standards of sportsmanship or, in the absence of resolution by administrators, to advocate recourse to the law.

Since none of the rugby union authorities, seemingly, is capable of taking positive action over the disgraceful foul by a New Zealand forward on Philip de Glanville, the only remaining obstacle between sportsmanship and outright anarchy is the law of the land. With the International Rugby Football Board, never mind the Rugby Football Union or New Zealand, incapable of imposing discipline, de Glanville's only source of justice being seen to be done is civil action.

The timidity of rugby's administrators — whatever the CCPR may like to think, or Sir Peter Yarranton, the rugby-based chairman of the Sports Council, may say — is beyond belief. Here we have Ian Beer, former Cambridge University captain, former headmaster of Lancing and then Harrow, supposed flagbearer of the morality of youth and RFU president, willing to do no more than to tell the New Zealanders "we disapprove of your style".

In any sporting organisation bound by honour, it would surely have been agreed that the offending New Zealand player was, at the very least, suspended from the first international match against Scotland. Many would say he should have been put on the first plane home after stamping on the face of a player when the ball was nowhere near.

Far from protestations that governing bodies have got their act together, some are no more in control than bystanders at a cattle stampede. No administrator wants to cause another administrator offence: nearly gouging out a player's eye is apparently not offensive, or at least not sufficiently so to jeopardise a commercially attractive match.

I feel ashamed to belong to that generation of university sportsmen now in administrative authority who have surrendered almost everything I believed we were supposed to represent. Here we are in an era where cricket helmets are meekly taken for granted as "necessary", where every other week a footballer's cheek is broken by an elbow and the FA chief executive complacently says he sees it all the time and so what.

Sport, and the CCPR, is governed by appalling euphemism. Intimidatory foul play is excused under the expression "giving the opponent a reminder you're there". Beer may shake his head at New Zealand's wilful intransigence and say they lack understanding. I would say they understand exactly what they are doing and are shamelessly confident they can get away with it.

With what cynicism the French must now view the international board, given the hounding the French have received for foul play. But then, of course, that country is the only one of the eight founding members which does not speak the right lingo.

Fouling — or rucking, as the New Zealanders would say — is no more legal on the rugby field than would be the same action if perpetrated at some demonstration in Trafalgar Square, and the penalty should be the same. If sport is not fair, it is nothing. In a properly run game Sean Fitzpatrick would at the very least be put in the corner and told to stay there until the end of school. Rugby administrators, of whatever nationality, have forgotten the basic premise of why we play sport.

The fact that the CCPR seems unwilling to recognise this further disqualifies it from any involvement in a projected unified single body of British sports administration.

Ozaki out of step but on song

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES, IN GOTEMBA, JAPAN

IT WAS too wet yesterday for his favourite blue suede shoes, but Masashi Ozaki, widely known as Jumbo, still stepped his way to a round of 66, six under par, on the first day of the Sumitomo Visa Masters at the Taiheiyo club, near Gotemba, south of Tokyo.

Ozaki, the defending champion, is an avid Elvis fan — hand him a guitar at your peril — but having to wear a pair of black and white leather brogues did nothing to dampen his spirits, and he finished one shot ahead of his compatriot, Yoshinori Mizumaki, with the trio of Barry Lane, David Frost and Tze-Chung Chen a further shot behind.

Lane, the 33-year-old Englishman, did not drop a shot but was a little baffled by his score, which was essentially made by the three birdies he had in the first five holes. "I didn't feel I was swinging very well," he said, "it doesn't feel quite right, but I don't mind not feeling right when I shoot 68."

He has played here three times before and has yet to finish outside the top 11, proof that he loves the course, particularly the greens. "They're fantastic," he said. "They're like lightning, but the ball doesn't spin, so you know where to hit it to let it run."

On the flight over here, Lane persuaded British Airways to root out the Ryder Cup video — designated for the return journey — and watched it for the first time. "They showed me hitting it into the water at the 18th," he said. "But I'm over it now."

Three up with five to play against Chip Beck, Lane lost. "I still think about it," he said. "I know where it went — on the 14th. I sort of eased up and thought, 'I've got him now'. That was absolutely fatal, but we don't play many matchplay events and perhaps I was just too relaxed."

Frost more than justified top billing. He was paired with Ozaki and Isao Aoki, the giants of Japanese golf, who had nine birdies between them, while he had seven. He also had three bogeys. At the 11th, Ozaki had an eagle three, chipping in from 20 feet.

Sandy Lyle also chipped in for an eagle three, at the 3rd, but he putted poorly and was bitterly disappointed with his 73.

FIRST ROUND SCORES (Japan unless stated): 68: M Ozaki. 67: Y Mizumaki. 68: B Lane (GB), D Frost (SA), T-C Chen (Tai). 69: S Ebihara. 70: M Kimura, T Nakajima, G Norman (Aus), N Ozaki, T Hamilton (US), B Franklin (Can), H Kase, B Andrade (US). 71: J Sluman (US), I Aoki, I Baker-Finch (Aus), K Arai, C Parry (Aus), T Suzuki, P Senior (Aus), E Itai. 72: M Kuramoto, L Mize (US), Y Yokoshima, H Mashiai, K Takahashi, S Higashi, B Watts (US), K Hasegawa, H Sasaki, K Suzuki, K Muroya, I Shiokawa, A Omachi, G Marsh (Aus), K Ishii, T Nishikawa, Teruo Nakamura. Other scores: 73: A Lyle (GB) 82: P Hoad (GB).

Irish make sound World Cup start

IRELAND made the best start of the four British Isles teams in the World Cup at Lake Nona Golf Club, Orlando, Florida yesterday.

After 13 holes, Ireland were two under par and joint fifth of the 32 teams, with Paul McGinley two shots under par and Ronan Rafferty level.

McGinley, starting at the 10th hole, was in fine form over this long course, claiming birdies at the 11th and 16th and pars at the other 11.

Scotland, with Sam Torrance three under and Colin Montgomerie two over, were in joint eighth place at one under par after 15 holes. Wales were level par after ten holes and lying eleventh, with Ian Woosnam three over and Mark Mouland three under.

England made a bad start with Mark James struggling to the turn in a four-over-par 40. David Gilford was two under at the same stage to put England two over and give them a share of seventeenth place.

Australia and Germany shared the lead at six under. For Australia, Robert Allenby and Rodger Davis were each three under after ten while, for Germany, Bernhard Langer was four under and Sven Struver two under after 11.

Federation invites misery and mayhem down Mexico way



Clarke is helped after finishing the 10,000 metres

David Powell reports on an athletics showpiece that could become a farce

SOMETIME in the next four days, a decision to rank with the worst that international sport has had to bear is expected to be taken by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF). Mexico City, it seems, is about to be awarded the 1997 world athletics championships.

Twenty-five years ago, the Mexican capital turned stretcher carrying into an Olympic event. Its high altitude (7,300ft) brought gifts of gold to the Africans in races from 1,500 metres upwards but Ron Clarke, the outstanding distance runner of the period, was left gasping for oxygen and had to be helped from the track. He was one of many.

Harald Norpoth, the European record holder, managed only 3,000 metres of the 5,000 metres and Jim Ryun, the 1,500 metres world record holder, who was unbeaten at that distance for three years, finished second to Kip Keino, of Kenya. "That was the biggest injustice," Clarke says now. "Ryun was five seconds better than Keino at that stage of Keino's career."

As if the altitude was not reason enough to convince the IAAF that its biennial showpiece should never go to Mexico City, the argument has moved on since 1968. With 21 million residents, Mexico City is one of the unhealthiest capitals on earth.

Much of its population lives without access to sanitation, electricity or clean water. Pollution levels can be eight times higher than recommended United Nations limits. Ozone levels are among the highest recorded. Yet unless there is a change of heart, the IAAF will ignore the warnings this weekend.

The IAAF council is meeting in Mexico City from tomorrow until Monday and the only alternative candidate is Johannesburg, another altitude venue. A responsible IAAF would have ensured that a national federation backing a venue capable of staging fair competition was among the bidders. In 1968, the African men were not the force they are now but they won the 1,500 metres, 5,000, 10,000, marathon and steeplechase, with medal sweeps in the 5,000 and 10,000. Ron Hill, of Britain, did extraordinarily well to finish seventh in the 10,000 metres.

The track and infield resembled a battlefield as oxygen was administered and stretcher bearers rushed on and off. "It was hideous and distressing from first to last," *Athletics Weekly* reported. Its headline read "The Schizophrenic Games" because, not only were the distance events a farrago, but there was a succession of sprint world records. The thin air, purgatory for the lowland distance runners, was paradise for the fast men.

"Anyone born at sea level has no chance at altitude," Clarke said. "Any official who approves Mexico City does not know anything about track and field. I thought that had to be it after '68. It is beyond belief they would do anything like this." Clarke is in daily contact with the fitness world, managing Cannons, a London health club. "If you have that fierce determination to finish, I reckon you could kill yourself up there," he said.

Several leading sea-level athletes, Clarke included, went into decline after 1968 as the physical and psychological effects took their toll. Years later, Clarke needed a heart valve fitted, which he thinks may have stemmed from his experience in Mexico City. This wonderful athlete, who set a succession of world records, ran 90 seconds, as he recalls, for the last lap of the 10,000 metres. He finished sixth in 29min 44.8sec, two minutes slower than he had run in London six weeks' earlier.

"There is not a chief coach in Europe who is not horrified at the prospect of going to Mexico City," Frank Dick, president of the European Athletics Coaches' Association, said. "It would put 98 per cent of the world's athletic population at a disadvantage."

Even sprinters, Dick argues, would not be competing on equal terms because those from the lowland countries would be more exposed to altitude sickness while living there. On acclimatisation, Dick envisages financial difficulties. "The budgeting implications are huge," he said. "You cannot send athletes to compete at altitude without giving them the chance to prepare at altitude. Is the IAAF going to compensate for the cost?"

Why, the IAAF was asked, is it even considering such a contentious venue? Istvan Gyulai, its secretary, gave this reply: "The memories of the Mexico Olympics are great and I do not recall anything which would tell me never to hold championships there again. I remember great races and great events.

"The level of fitness in athletes has improved a lot since those times. If they know in due time of a world championships at altitude, they will adapt to cope. It would be a chance to organise a world championships in another continent, which is the duty of the federation. The part of Mexico City where the championships would be held, if they go there, is not one of the polluted areas."

Thin air, thin excuses.

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THE SUNDAY TIMES 228 THE DAILY TELEGRAPH 26

THE SUNDAY TIMES MOTORING

Last weekend The Sunday Times featured over 200 more 4 Wheel Drive vehicles for sale than Saturday's Telegraph. So where are you more likely to find your quality used car this weekend?

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Popham's long-serving chaser on course for Mackeson Gold Cup

Panto Prince defies march of time

By Julian Muscat

NATIONAL Hunt phenomena in the west country are almost exclusively the preserve of Martin Pipe, the champion trainer. Such has been his impact on the jumping game that there have been times when he would probably come close to winning races with a pantomime horse.

Yet even Pipe, for all his acumen, must secretly marvel at the exploits of Panto Prince, the evergreen 12-year-old housed nearby at Chris Popham's Taunton stables. With 78 races and close to 200 racing miles under his belt, Panto Prince approaches tomorrow's Mackeson Gold Cup at Cheltenham undefeated in three starts this season. He appears to have discovered the secret of eternal youth.

It will be five years in January since Panto Prince fought out that memorable duel with the king himself, Desert Orchid, in the Victor Chandler Chase, going down by a scant head over the exacting fences at Ascot. On a bright winter's day, these two immaculate jumpers threw themselves over the last three fences with a ferocity that left even inexperienced racegoers dancing with delight.

That close encounter would have broken many a lesser horse. But examine Panto Prince tomorrow at the spiritual home of jump racing and you will see a sprightly thoroughbred, indistinguishable from a cluster of opponents with only half his experience.

No horse his age has yet defied time's passage to land the Mackeson, one of the most competitive steeplechases in the calendar. Although the sentimentalists will be rooting for him, punters are made of sterner stuff. Yet even they fastened on to Panto Prince in yesterday's betting exchanges, forcing his price down to 10-1 from 14-1 with Hills, the bookmakers.

In truth, Cheltenham has never been Panto Prince's favourite racecourse, even though he has gained fourth place in the two-mile Queen Mother Champion Chase on three separate occasions. None of his 26 victories, gained at nine different venues, have been earned at Prestbury Park.

However, win or lose, this veteran among veterans will still be rattling his hooves at the turn of the year, when his fleet-footed racing style will have spanned a full decade.

Popham has his own ideas about Panto Prince's longevity: "When he is out and about he is full of beans, but when he's in his box he's as quiet as a baby," the trainer said. "He knows what he likes and he likes racing. And he never turns a hair when he's not doing his favourite thing."

Not only is the horse fed daily by Popham's 11-year-old daughter, Anita, but he is allowed to pick polo mints from the mouths of the staff. Once tacked up and ready for exercise, he sheds his sheep's clothing for the armour of an old and proud warrior.

"Even these days," Popham said, "he walks everywhere at great speed. That is why he is always so fit. I ride him out most days and I've only slapped him once. That was because he got so excited one day that he lashed out and kicked another horse."

Popham, 44, will not contemplate the future without Panto Prince, who has been resident at Brashford Racing Stables longer than the trainer himself.

He has trained Panto Prince to 18 of his 26 victories for owners George and Linda Warren, who have owned him ever since they gave less than £1,000 for him as a yearling. The Warrens, who are among the biggest cattle dealers in the west country, have their pride and joy home every summer when he is perfectly happy to blend anonymously with the farm's herd.

If cattle remain a more conventional source of income to the Warrens, they have nevertheless collected close to £200,000 in prize-money from Panto Prince, who has long since taken over the role of the family pet. Unless the heavens open, Popham strongly believes that their biggest instalment is yet to come.

GEORGE SELWYN



Panto Prince, left, and Desert Orchid engaged in an epic struggle for the 1989 Victor Chandler Chase at Ascot

Weights favour Native Pride

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

CHELTENHAM
BBC2

2.30: Young Snugfit ran his best race for a couple of seasons when a good second to Storm Alert at Ascot, but he will find it difficult giving 7lb to **King Of The Lot**. The bold-jumping front-runner is still improving and does well in small fields.

3.05: A cracking line-up, none of whom can be discounted. If there is a blot on the handicap it is **Native Pride**, who beat Superior Finish, the subsequent Sun Alliance Chase runner-up, by seven lengths at Windsor last season and yet is 26lb better off today. Although the six-year-old has not run since being pulled up in his next race at Ascot, he has won on each of his seasonal debuts. Kim Bailey has his string in top form.

Flashthecash improved with every run last season and was unbeaten apart from when he fell, as he did on his debut at Sandown when going well, but Washingtoncrossing may be a bigger danger. He shaped promisingly on his debut.

3.40: The going holds the key. Provided the ground is good or softer, **Staunch Friend**, the Scottish Champion Hurdle winner, will take all the beating. However, if the ground has dried out, the mud-lover could be rushed of his feet by Arabian Bold, who improved significantly in his final two races last season.

RICHARD EVANS

CHELTENHAM

THUNDERER

1.20 Lusty Light
1.55 KANO WARRIOR (nap)
2.30 Young Snugfit
3.05 Light Veneer
3.40 Staunch Friend
4.10 Fuzzy Logic

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 STAUNCH FRIEND.

GOING: GOOD SIS

1.20 COLN VALLEY FISH AND GAME COMPANY NOVICES CHASE
(Amateurs: £4,104: 3m 1f) (6 runners)

101 /30/FF-1 ALEGBYE 17 (G) (Mrs M McGlone) M Pipe 7-11-12 N Moore 87
102 4F024-1 DON'T LIGHT UP 38 (V,S) (G Solman) P Nicholls 7-11-12 A Farrant 92
103 03P-21F HOWARYAFXD 9 (BF,S) (V Adams) Miss H Knight 6-11-12 J M Pritchard 90
104 2P14-12 LUSTY LIGHT 30 (BF,G,S) (B Burrough) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-12 M Armytage 97
105 FLORIDA SKY (A Cohen) J Upson 6-11-6 Mr T Byrne —
106 013P/2 SQUIRE JIM 20 (F,G) (R Hloms) N Twiston-Davies 9-11-6 M Rimell 99

BETTING: 5-2 Lusty Light, 3-1 Don't Light Up, 4-1 Squire Jim, 9-2 Howaryafxd, 6-1 Alegbye, 12-1 Florida Sky.

1992: CAPTAIN FRISK 9-11-6 M Armytage (15-8 fav) K Bailey 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

DON'T LIGHT UP beat Earth Summit head in a 5-runner novice chase at Newton Abbot (3m 2f 110yd, soft). HOWARYAFXD beat Taurus 7l in a 10-runner novice chase at Worcester last month (2m 7f, soft). LUSTY LIGHT 1½l 2nd of 10 to Congregation in a novice chase at Exeter (2m 3f, good to soft). SQUIRE JIM 3l 2nd of 11 to Pardon Me Mum in a novice chase at Huntingdon (3m, good to firm).
Selection: LUSTY LIGHT

1.55 MORISON STONEHAM CHALLENGE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,981: 2m 5f) (15 runners)

201 0-32132 MIDFIELDER 13 (D,F,S) (Bournstream '6') P Hobbs 7-11-10 M Hourigan 92
202 FFP11F- MAILCOM 175 (D,F,S) (Mailcom Plc) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-7 L O'Hare (5) 97
203 1/6P66/ MEDIANE 576 (G,S) (White City All Stars C C) M Bradstock 8-11-5 M P Fitzgerald (5) —
204 5113P-3 STORMHEAD 55 (F,S) (M Oberstein) O Sherwood 5-11-4 J McCarthy 96
205 205226- SEA BUCK 175 (G,S) (C Buckle) G Balding 7-11-2 S Fox 97
206 6126-2F ASK THE GOVERNOR 15 (D,F,G,S) (Highflyers) G Balding 7-11-2 R Davis 89
207 056U0-6 FAIRFIELDS CONE 6 (D,G,S) (Mrs C Holder) R Dickin 10-10-13 D Meredith 95
208 122- LANDED GENTRY 15F (S) (K Bell & Son Ltd) C Broad 4-10-12 A Flannigan (5) 90
209 316-211 KANO WARRIOR 15 (F) (D Jones) N Twiston-Davies 6-10-9 T Jenks 93
210 5000/15 MEDITATOR 34 (B,G,S) (Miss J Doyle) Miss J Doyle 9-10-8 S Curran 99
211 3/5312F- ZEALOUS KITTEN 9F (BF,S) (M Oseman) R Price 5-10-6 R Greene 95
212 5410-16 NIGHT WIND 22 (BF,G,S) (Pell-mell Partners) A Turnell 6-10-1 D Fortt (5) 95
213 552P5-5 ON YOUR WAY 11 (G,S) (S Ross) Mrs L Jewell 11-10-0 P McLoughlin (5) —
214 45F160- COME HOME ALONE 265 (D,S) (Mrs A Oakes) N Gaselee 5-10-0 W Conde (5) 84
215 PRUF-60 CARRIGLAWN 6 (Mrs S Loucade) J Gifford 8-10-0 J J Brown (5) —

Long handicap: On Your Way 9-7, Come Home Alone 9-5, Carriglawn 8-11.

BETTING: 4-1 Kano Warrior, 9-2 Stormhead, 11-2 Ask The Governor, Midfielder, 7-1 Night Wind, 8-1 Sea Buck, 10-1 Mailcom, 14-1 Landed Gentry, 20-1 Fairfields Cone, Zealous Kitten, 33-1 others.

1992: ARTFUL ABBOT 8-10-2 D Geoghegan (7-1) S Sherwood 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

MIDFIELDER 3l 2nd of 11 to Smith Too in a handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, good to firm). MAILCOM beat SEA BUCK (1lb better off) 2½l in a 20-runner handicap hurdle at Towcester last season (2m 5f, firm). STORMHEAD 4l 3rd of 10 to Wee Wizard in a handicap hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 3f 110yd, good). ASK THE GOVERNOR ½l 2nd of 10 to Strong Medicine in a handicap hurdle at Stratford last month (2m 6f 110yd, good). FAIRFIELDS CONE 11l 6th of 19 to Triple Witching in a handicap hurdle at Chepstow (2m 4f 110yd, good). KANO WARRIOR beat Jawani 4l in an 8-runner handicap hurdle at Kempton (3m 110yd, good to firm). MEDITATOR beat Special Account 12l in a 7-runner handicap hurdle at Newton Abbot last month (2m 6f, soft).
Selection: KANO WARRIOR

2.30 TAYLORS ESTATE AGENTS HANDICAP CHASE (£5,868: 2m) (3 runners) BBC2

301 P6U4P-2 YOUNG SNUGFIT 13 (D,F,G,S) (M Oberstein) O Sherwood 9-12-0 J Osborne 94
302 11/112-1 KING OF THE LOT 14 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs G Brisbane) D Nicholson 10-11-7 A Maguire 99
303 460113 AL HASHIMI 10 (D,F,G) (Maj A Pearn) R Hodges 9-10-0 M Hourigan 93

Long handicap: Al Hashimi 9-6.

BETTING: 4-5 King Of The Lot, 11-8 Young Snugfit, 6-1 Al Hashimi.

1992: KING OF THE LOT 9-11-10 R Dunwoody (13-8 fav) D Nicholson 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

YOUNG SNUGFIT 1½l 2nd of 6 to Storm Alert in a handicap chase at Ascot (2m, good). KING OF THE LOT beat General Pershing 8l in a 4-runner handicap chase at Wetherby (2m, good). AL HASHIMI beat Dr Rocket a neck in an 11-runner conditional jockeys' handicap chase at Worcester (2m, good to firm).
Selection: KING OF THE LOT

3.05 STEEL PLATE AND SECTIONS YOUNG CHASERS CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL (Limited handicap: £13,420: 3m 1f) (8 runners) BBC2

401 221121- SUPERIOR FINISH 209 (D,G,S) (Dravact Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-12 B Powell 92
402 B1111-F FLASHTHECASH 6 (D,F,S) (Dr G Madan Mohan) G Balding 7-11-11 R Guest 94
403 3F111-2 WASHINGTONCROSSING 14 (G,S) (Pell-mell Partners) A Turnell 7-11-0 S McNeill 95
404 2124-23 MUSTHAVEASWIG 20 (D,BF,G) (P D Fasteners Ltd) D Nicholson 7-10-10 A Maguire 96
405 6P/131P- NATIVE PRIDE 300 (C,BF,F,G,S) (I S Racing) K Bailey 6-10-7 N Williamson 99
406 38116-5 MR JAMBOREE 20 (BF,F,G) (Mrs D Lousada) J Gifford 7-10-5 D Murphy 94
407 1111P-4 LIGHT VENEER 36 (D,F,G,S) (L Jones) Mrs M Jones 8-10-5 D Gallagher 87
408 6/2122-P INDIAN TONIC 17 (D,BF,S) (Mrs J Richards) N Twiston-Davies 7-10-5 C Maude 90

Long handicap: Light Veneer 10-4, Indian Tonic 10-1.

BETTING: 9-4 Flashthecash, 3-1 Washingtoncrossing, 4-1 Native Pride, 7-1 Musthaveaswig, 12-1 others.

1992: BRADBURY STAR 7-11-12 D Murphy (1-2 fav) J Gifford 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

SUPERIOR FINISH beat MUSTHAVEASWIG (16lb better off) 10l in a 4-runner novice chase at Ayr last season (3m 1f, good). FLASHTHECASH beat Baly Bathgate 5l in the 9-runner grade II Godiva Kingmaker Novices' Chase at Warwick on penultimate start (3m 4f 110yd, good to firm), with LIGHT VENEER (16lb better off) pulled up. WASHINGTON CROSSING 8l 2nd of 6 to Better Times Ahead in a handicap chase at Bangor (2m 4f 110yd, good). NATIVE PRIDE beat SUPERIOR FINISH (26lb worse off) 7l in a 16-runner novice chase at Windsor on penultimate start (3m, good to soft).
Selection: NATIVE PRIDE

3.40 ASW HURDLE (£5,475: 2m 110yd) (6 runners) BBC2

501 1512- AMAZON EXPRESS 14F (D,G) (Mrs J Moss) R Akehurst 4-11-7 J Osborne 72
502 121001- STAUNCH FRIEND 210 (CD,G,S) (B Schmidt-Bodner) M Tompkins 5-11-7 D Murphy 99
503 3100-55 KADI 13 (D,G,S) (Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum) D Nicholson 4-11-3 A Maguire 71
504 1/F6311- ARABIAN BOLD 165 (D,F,G,S) (Sheikh Amin Dahlawi) N Henderson 5-11-0 M A Fitzgerald 76
505 122 NATIVE CHIEFTAN 21 (D,F) (Mrs S Crowe) S Dow 4-11-0 H Davies 70
506 1114-25 NOCATCHIM 28 (B,D,F,G,S) (Miss N Carroll) S Sherwood 4-11-0 M Richards 70

BETTING: 6-4 Staunch Friend, 7-2 Amazon Express, 5-1 Arabian Bold, 11-2 Native Chieftan, 8-1 others.

1992: STAUNCH FRIEND 4-11-7 S Smith Eccles (8-11 fav) M Tompkins 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

AMAZON EXPRESS ¾l 2nd of 25 to Shawiya in the grade I Triumph Hurdle here (2m 1f, good to firm), with KADI (4lb better off) about 13l 10th. STAUNCH FRIEND beat Native Mission 1½l in the 6-runner grade II Scottish Champion Hurdle at Ayr (2m, good). ARABIAN BOLD beat Band Of Hope 12l in a 4-runner handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, good). NATIVE CHIEFTAN 1l 2nd of 10 to Middle Marker in a conditions hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, good), with KADI 10l 5th. NOCATCHIM neck 2nd of 9 to Va Utu in a handicap hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, firm).
Selection: STAUNCH FRIEND (nap)

4.10 CAPITAL VENTURES NOVICES HURDLE (£2,737: 3m 2f) (5 runners)

601 11 FUZZY LOGIC 23 (C,G) (Cheltenham Racing Ltd) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-4 C Llewellyn 99
602 5P300-6 LIBERTY JAMES 6 (Mrs J Brooks) Mrs E Brooks 6-11-0 W McFarland 58
603 U0032- OLD STEINE 181F (J Burley) P Hobbs 5-11-0 M Hourigan 87
604 66- LAUGHING GAS 270 (A Cohen) J Upson 4-10-13 R Supple —
605 32/0F44- DOLLY OATS 307 (R Fakes) R Eckley 7-10-9 D Gallagher 80

BETTING: 1-5 Fuzzy Logic, 13-2 Old Steine, 12-1 Dolly Oats, Liberty James, 16-1 Laughing Gas.

1992: GAELSTROM 5-11-3 P Scudamore (13-8 fav) N Twiston-Davies 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

FUZZY LOGIC beat Kenilworth Lad 1l in a 13-runner novice hurdle here (2m 5f 110yd, good). OLD STEINE 1l 2nd of 13 to Sausalito Boy in a novice hurdle at Ludlow (2m 5f 110yd, good to firm). DOLLY OATS 18l 4th of 16 to Sausalito Boy in a novice handicap hurdle at Sandown (2m 6f, soft).
Selection: FUZZY LOGIC

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
K Bailey	13	47	27.7	R Guest	9	34	26.5
D Nicholson	32	140	22.9	Mr M Armytage	5	20	25
N Henderson	19	92	20.7	H Davies	10	60	16.7
N Twiston-Davies	17	83	20.5	A Maguire	12	81	14.8
M Pipe	51	250	20.4	C Llewellyn	9	68	13.2
A Turnell	5	26	19.2	J Osborne	13	105	12.4

'Amateur ethos' of FA taken to task by Taylor

By John Goodbody

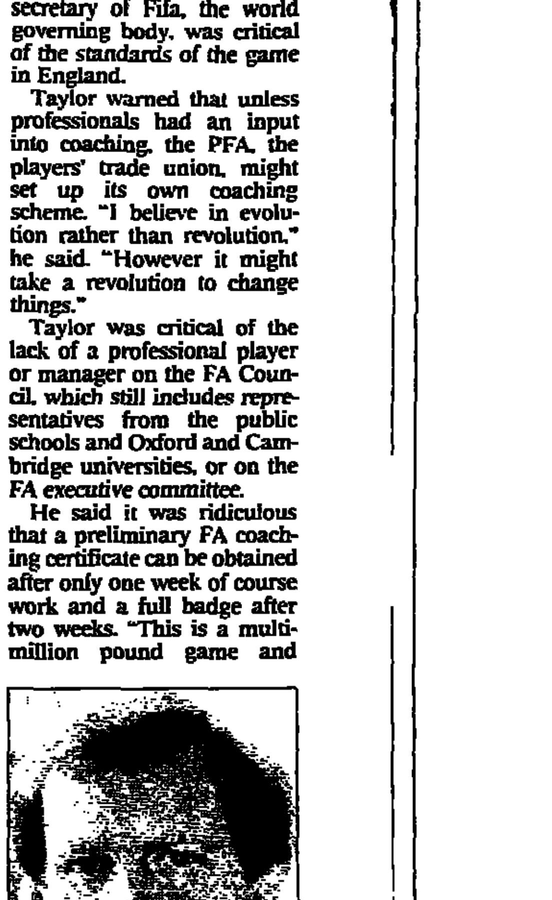
GORDON Taylor, the chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA), yesterday blamed England's probable failure to qualify for the World Cup finals on the "amateur ethos" of the Football Association.

Taylor's remarks come soon after Sepp Blatter, the secretary of Fifa, the world governing body, was critical of the standards of the game in England.

Taylor warned that unless professionals had an input into coaching, the PFA, the players' trade union, might set up its own coaching scheme. "I believe in evolution rather than revolution," he said. "However it might take a revolution to change things."

Taylor was critical of the lack of a professional player or manager on the FA Council, which still includes representatives from the public schools and Oxford and Cambridge universities, or on the FA executive committee.

He said it was ridiculous that a preliminary FA coaching certificate can be obtained after only one week of course work and a full badge after two weeks. "This is a multimillion pound game and there should be extensive study of areas like diet, rehabilitation and sports science." While praising the technical level of many English players, he said that they had too little technical input into the coaching system.



Taylor: critical

He feared that if England failed to qualify for the World Cup finals the attitude would be: "'Let us put on our tin hats, replace the manager and keep our heads down.' Instead there should be a reassessment."

Charles Hughes, the FA director of coaching, said that recommendations had already been made to the FA Council that requirements for qualifications for coaching nine to 16 year olds should include other areas, such as psychology and sports science.

He said that former professional footballers were involved in administering and coaching the game. Eighty-five of them were in the Football in the Community scheme and a similar number at the 146 FA centres of excellence.

Leicester's chance to extend lead

LEICESTER, relegation candidates for much of last season, attempt to extend their unbeaten run this season against Chelmsford in a National League women's hockey match tomorrow (Alix Ramsay writes).

Two points clear at the top of the premier division, the AEWHA cup holders have dropped only two points in a 1-1 draw with Slough.

Their steady progress to the top has erased the memories of last season when they fought a long battle against relegation and, at the corresponding stage in the season, had only won one match.

By the end of the season, Leicester had turned over a new leaf. They avoided the drop, won the cup to earn their place in Europe for the first time and signed up a new coach, Dave Cawthorn, after the retirement of Mary Nevill.

Cawthorn has made a difference. While Leicester still pride themselves on the strength of their defence, they now aim to go out and score goals and are committed to a more open style of play.

With Chelmsford, who are lying second from bottom of the table, to look forward to, and with Slough playing Ealing and Ipswich facing a stern test against Hightown, Leicester have a golden opportunity to bank another three points and reinforce their position at the top of the league as the clubs head towards the Christmas break.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Towcester

Going: good

1.00 (2m hdle) 1, MOVE A MINUTE (P Hide, 7-1); 2, Ramstar (M Keighley, 25-1); 3, Nadjati (P Holley, 13-8 fav). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Per Quod, 8 Bigwheel Bill (6th), 20 Manna Diver (pu), Up All Night (5th), 25 Fortunes Course, 33 Toomuch Toosoon (pu), Nigel's Lucky Girl (4th), Skimmer Hawk, 50 Always Allied (pu), Damcada. 13 ran. 10l, 2l, 7l, 5l, ½l. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £7.80; £2.00, £5.20, £1.30. DF: £124.70. CSF: £141.40.

1.30 (3m 1f ch) 1, OLD BRIG (R Dunwoody, 2-1 fav); 2, Barley Mow (P Holley, 50-1); 3, Loose Wheels (A Carroll, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Tareesh (5th), 6 Dorobo (pu), 8 Theo's Fella (4th), 9 Welsh Commander (pu), 10 Long Reach (pu), 16 Gallantry Bank (ur), 33 Hunting Diary (pu). 10 ran. NR: Star Of Oughterard. 6l, hd, 7l, 15l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £3.20; £1.60, £4.70, £2.00. DF: £55.90. CSF: £89.90.

2.00 (2m 110yd ch) 1, HOLTERMANN (M Richards, 3-1); 2, Around The Horn (S McNeill, 6-4 fav); 3, Blue Buccaneer (L Harvey, 10-3). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Acre Hill (4th). 4 ran. 6l, 3l, dist. Mrs L Richards at Arundel. Tote: £3.80. DF: £3.80. CSF: £7.53.

2.30 (2m hdle) 1, BRIEF GALE (D Murphy, 5-4 fav); 2, Gorteera (M Brennan, 2-1); 3, Spread Your Wings (P Holley, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 G'Ime A Buzz (4th), 16 Hardly Arkenfield, 33 Platinum Springs (5th), 50 Rosen The Beau (6th), Embley Buoy, 66 Kanem'tu. 9 ran. NR: Konvekta King. 6l, 8l, 5l, 6l, 5l. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £2.30; £1.70, £1.10, £1.70. DF: £3.00. CSF: £4.06.

3.00 (2m 6f ch) 1, POSTMAN'S PATH (H Davies, 13-2); 2, City Kid (P Hide, 14-1); 3, Tipp Mariner (G Upton, 4-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Jimster (5th), 13-2 Social Climber, 8 Tochenka, 10 Titus Andronicus, 12 Catchapenny, 14 Sunbeam Talbot (4th), Fiddlers Three (6th), 20 Sheephaven (pu), Moze Tidy, 33 Camden Belle, Warner's End. 14 ran. 1l, 4l, 6l, nk, 15l. T Forster at Letcombe Bassett. Tote: £8.60; £2.70, £4.80, £2.00. DF: £80.30. Trio: £108.20. CSF: £87.88. Tricast: £377.88.

3.30 (2m 5f hdle) 1, FAIR BROTHER (R Davis, 12-1); 2, Pamber Priory (G Rowe, 20-1); 3, Prince Of Salerno (R Supple, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Taylors Prince (4th), 10-3 Smith Too (5th), 9-2 Sailor Blue, 7 Access Sun, 15-2 Cambo (6th), 11 Storybook (pu), 16 Buckingham Gate, 33 Greenwine, 50 Playful Juliet (pu). 12 ran. 2l, 3½l, 5l, 1l, hd. G Balding at Fyfield. Tote: £13.90; £3.80, £6.80, £4.30. DF: £240.40. Trio: £230.40. CSF: £201.31. Tricast: £5,232.61.

Placepot: £1171.30.

Kelso

Going: good (chase course), good with good to soft patches (hurdles)

1.10 (2m 6f 110yd hdle) 1, LARAPINTA (D J Moffatt, 6-1); 2, Majority Major (K Johnson, 10-1); 3, Dalusman (B Storey, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Ninfa (f), 6 Just Molly, 13-2 Five Flags, 9 Run Pet Run (5th), 16 The Weatherman, 20 Nawrik, Busy Boy, Who Sir, 33 Master Boston (4th), Twin States (6th), Just A Light, 50 Be Ambitious, 66 Just Eve, 100 Stepdaughter, Master Cavers. 18 ran. 3½l, 1½l, hd, 1½l, 12l. J Johnson at Crook. Tote: £4.80; £1.70, £3.00, £16.80. DF: £13.20. CSF: £59.79.

1.40 (2m 1f ch) 1, OLD EROS (P Niven, 6-5 fav); 2, Marlingford (C Hawkins, 14-1); 3, Zarbano (A Merrigan, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Celtic Song (pu), 5 Seminoff (5th), 20 Northern Vision (6th), 66 Cardenden (4th). 7 ran. 10l, 4l, 5l, 3l, dist. Mrs M Reveley at Saltburn. Tote: £2.00; £1.60, £5.70. DF: £10.40. CSF: £15.45.

2.10 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, CARNETTO (K Johnson, 6-1); 2, Fling In Spring (P Williams, 5-1); 3, Stingray City (F Perratt, 11-10 fav). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Juke Box Billy (4th), 14 Clear Fountain (pu), 16 Rallying Cry (6th), Bit Lid, 20 Dolly Prices (5th), Choir's Image, 33 Emperor Alexander (pu). 10 ran. 8l, 4l, 2½l, ½l, 7l, 6l. R Brewis at Belford. Tote: £10.90; £2.20, £2.00, £1.60. DF: £22.70. Trio: £10.80. CSF: £37.69. Tricast: £54.13.

2.40 (3m 1f ch) 1, INVERINATE (T Reed, 5-1); 2, Ceilidh Boy (B Storey, 3-4 fav); 3, ... ALSO RAN: 7 Un-Veleda II (J Burke, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 7 Unguarded Missile (5th), 10 King Of Steel (pu).

20 Crown Eyeglass (4th), 66 Master Mischief (pu), Supposin (6th). 8 ran. 2l, 10l, 30l, ¾l, 8l. L Lungo at Carrutherstown. Tote: £7.20; £1.40, £1.50, £1.60. DF: £7.20. CSF: £10.97.

3.10 (2m 6f 110yd ch) 1, WHAAT FETTLE (M Moloney, 10-11 fav); 2, Piper O'Drummond (Mr D Parker, 7-1); 3, Baltic Brown (G Lyons, 15-8). ALSO RAN: 16 Plenty Crack (4th), 25 Laurie-O (5th). 5 ran. Nk, 2l, 15l, dist. G Richards at Greystoke. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £2.10. DF: £3.30. CSF: £6.78.

3.40 (2m 2f hdle) 1, TOOGOOD TO BE TRUE (L Wyer, 11-10 fav); 2, Sweet City (Mr R Hale, 16-1); 3, Starstreak (P Niven, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Dual Image (4th), 7-2 Master Of Troy (5th), 33 Make Me Proud (6th), 66 Jesters Prospect. 7 ran. 1½l, 8l, 2½l, 2l, 12l. M H Easterby at Malton. Tote: £1.90; £1.60, £3.80. DF: £6.90. CSF: £15.23. Placepot: £11.80.

Taunton

Going: good to firm

1.20 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Rusty Roc (Mr N Miles, 7-2 fav); 2, Loch Duich (8-1); 3, Sparkler Gebe (10-1). 16 ran. 1½l, 1½l. G Davies. Tote: £3.50; £2.40, £2.20, £2.80. DF: £14.50. CSF: £29.53.

1.50 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Record Lover (J Osborne, 7-2 jt-fav); 2, Saahi (16-1); 3, Distant Memory (7-2 jt-fav). 13 ran. 2l, 4l. S Sherwood. Tote: £4.40; £1.60, £6.80, £2.00. DF: £304.90. CSF: £56.62. Tricast: £200.87.

2.20 (2m 3f ch) 1, Golden Fare (R Greene, 4-1); 2, Abu Muslab (11-2); 3, Bumptious Boy (8-1). West Bay 9-4 fav. 12 ran. NR: No Word. ½l, 12l. R Lee. Tote: £4.10; £1.60, £2.20, £1.90. DF: £8.80. Trio: £28.00. CSF: £25.19. Tricast: £156.09.

2.50 (2m 3f 110yds) 1, Celcius (Mr N Moore, 11-2); 2, Lord's Final (14-1); 3, Desert Palm (16-1). Cabin Hill 4-5 fav. 12 ran. 8l, 3½l. M Pipe. Tote: £5.90; £1.80, £3.60, £1.90. DF: £282.80. Trio: £236.30. CSF: £73.71. Tricast: £1,069.51.

3.20 (3m ch) 1, Naughty Nicky (R Greene, 9-2); 2, Obie's Train (9-2); 3, Powder Boy (10-3 fav). 7 ran. 5l, 2½l. K Bishop. Tote: £5.60; £2.40, £3.20. DF: £7.70. CSF: £22.13.

3.50 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Mathal (D Matthews, 7-4 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Northern Crest (16-1); 3, Nobiely (14-1). 13 ran. NR: Woodlands Legend. 10l, sh hd. N Babbage. Tote: £3.00; £1.40, £3.80, £2.70. DF: £62.40. CSF: £29.85.

Placepot: £58.40.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: STORMHEAD
(1.55 Cheltenham)
Next best: Lusty Light
(1.20 Cheltenham)

Rolling Ball supported

☐ Rolling Ball, the 1991 Sun Alliance Chase winner, was soundly backed yesterday for the Hennessy Gold Cup at Newbury later this month.

The Martin Pipe-trained ten-year-old, who has been recovering from a long-term injury, was cut to 10-1, from 16-1, by both Hills and Ladbrokes.

☐ There is Tote jackpot pool of £44,791.22 carried forward to Cheltenham today.

HUNTINGDON

THUNDERER
12.45 West Monkton. 1.15 Castle King. 1.45 Kabayil. 2.20 Road To Fame. 2.50 Powleyvale. 3.20 Duo Drom.

GOING: GOOD SIS

12.45 KIMBOLTON NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,480: 2m 5f 110yd) (7 runners)

1 54-6 CLERIC ON BROADWAY 16 S Kettlewell 5-11-2 R Garritty
2 3016 BOXING MATCH 21 (D,G) J Bradley 6-10-9 Mr G Lewis (7)
3 0 BARGIN BOY 6 J Moore 4-10-7 A Charlton
4 P0-U SEMINOLE PRINCESS 13 C Jones 5-10-6 M Bosley
5 0-00 WEST MONKTON 21 C Nash 7-10-4 R Dunwoody
6 P-F5 TAX THE DEVIL 3 (V,S) S Dow 5-10-3 A Dicken (5)
7 05 WHAT A RATTLE 17 T George 4-10-3 Peter Hobbs

6-4 Boxing Match, 3-1 West Monkton, 9-2 Cleric On Broadway, 6-1 What A Rattle, 10-1 Tax The Devil, 16-1 Seminole Princess, 25-1 Bargin Boy.

1.15 MACER GIFFORD HANDICAP CHASE (£2,846: 2m 4f 110yd) (6)

1 2236 EMSEE-H 20 (B,CD,F,G,S) F Murphy 8-11-10 P Murphy (7)
2 11-6 CHAMPAGNE LAD 36 (BF,F,G,S) J Gifford 7-11-9 P Hide (5)
3 -0F6 CASTLE KING 21 (D,F,G) P Hedger 6-11-9 R Dunwoody
4 132/ GRANVILLEWATERFORD 643 (D,G) S Sherwood 8-11-7 G Upton
5 1-4F SPREE CROSS 7 (G,S) Mrs D Haine 7-11-7 G Bradley
6 P35- PLAT REAY 240 (D,B,S) T Forster 9-11-0 C Llewellyn

2-1 Granvillewaterford, 3-1 Castle King, 7-2 Champagne Lad, 6-1 Spree Cross, 13-2 Emsee-H, 14-1 Plat Reay.

1.45 ERMINE STREET HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,075: 2m 110yd) (12)

1 1235 STAY AWAKE 27 (D,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 7-12-0 G Bradley
2 00 PALACE WOLF 28 Miss H Knight 9-12-0 R Marley
3 60-2 MONDAY CLUB 22 (D,F,G) J Tuck 9-11-7 M Richards
4 312- FIERCE 175F (CD,F,S) J Jenkins 5-11-4 S Smith Eccles
5 15-1 KABAYIL 28 (D,G,S) C Egerton 4-11-2 J Railton
6 235- CHUCK CURLEY 205 (D,F,S) B Curley 5-10-13 E Murphy
7 R365 SALMAN 25 (D,F,G) Mrs V Ward 7-10-12 D Bridgwater
8 0-11 MRS MAYHEW 7 (CD,F,G,S) F Murphy 5-10-8 (7ex) P Murphy (7)
9 221- MANEREE 169 (G,S) N Callaghan 6-10-6 R Campbell
10 1532 FATHER DAN 20 (F) Miss Gay Kelleway 4-10-5 R Dunwoody
11 460- SASKIA'S HERO 141F (D,B,S) J Bottomley 6-10-3 D Byrne
12 8-31 MULCIBER 8 (D,F) G Harwood 5-10-0 (7ex) M Perrett

7-2 Kabayil, 9-2 Mulciber, 5-1 Monday Club, 11-2 Mrs Mayhew, 7-1 Chuck Curley, 8-1 Stay Awake, Father Dan, 10-1 Fierce, 14-1 Maneree, 16-1 others.

2.20 PETER CROSSMAN NOVICES CHASE (£2,487: 2m 4f 110yd) (10)

1 /0F2- JUMBEAU 293 J Gifford 8-11-0 P Hide (5)
2 3633 LUSTY LAD 16 (F,G) M Haynes 6-11-0 D Skyrme
3 5-35 ROAD TO FAME 20 D Gandolfo 6-11-0 P Holley
4 22/F/ RUNNING SANDS 639 (S) R Rowe 9-11-0 C Burnett-Wells (5)
5 /2-2 SQUEEZE PLAY 46 (B) D Grissell 8-11-0 Peter Hobbs
6 2P-3 STAGE PLAYER 15 (F,G) Miss S Wilton 7-11-0 T Eley (5)
7 /405- MANDIKA 303 (G,S) M Jarvis 5-10-13 G Bradley
8 0-22 NORTHERN SQUIRE 16 J Jefferson 5-10-13 R Dunwoody
9 3365 SEA BREAKER 8 (F) D Cantillon 5-10-13 E Murphy
10 -FF5 CANTGETOUT 7 C Pinney 7-10-9 Mr A Pickering

2-1 Jumbeau, 7-2 Lusty Lad, 5-1 Squeeze Play, 6-1 Stage Player, Road To Fame, 7-1 Northern Squire, 14-1 Mandika, 20-1 others.

2.50 JOHN EVANS MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,480: 2m 110yd) (12)

1 10 GAMEFULL GOLD 11 (G) S Dow 4-11-3 A Dicken (5)
2 2-12 POWLEYVALE 30 (G) B Rothwell 6-11-3 R Dunwoody
3 5P- AFFA 15F T Thomson Jones 4-10-10 S Smith Eccles
4 -455 GLENFINN PRINCESS 6 K Bridgwater 5-10-10 D Bridgwater
5 0- HINTON LADY 293 C Egerton 4-10-10 J Railton
6 3-5 INDIAN ORCHID 16 Mrs M Reveley 6-10-10 G Bradley
7 0/ MATUSADONA 760F J Harris 6-10-10 J A Harris
8 MAZATA 490F S Sherwood 4-10-10 G Upton
9 2-PF PASSAGE TO FREEDOM 20 Mrs S Lamyman 11-10-10 D Telfer
10 P-P ROYAL BATTLE 11 Mrs J Bloom 5-10-10 P Hide (5)
11 SAIL BY THE STARS T Forster 4-10-10 R Farrant (5)
12 -004 SALLY SOHAM 35 F Murphy 5-10-10 P Murphy (7)

5-4 Powleyvale, 5-1 Sally Soham, 6-1 Indian Orchid, 7-1 Mazata, 8-1 Affa, 12-1 Gamefull Gold, 14-1 Sail By The Stars, 16-1 Glenfinn Princess, 25-1 others.

3.20 BEDFORD CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,553: 3m) (9)

1 13P- MATERIAL GIRL 182 (G,S) C Egerton 7-11-12 A Procter
2 /FP- LOCH BLUE 274 (G,S) S Dow 11-11-6 A Dicken
3 22-2 DUO DROM 25 (D,G) Mrs D Haine 8-10-12 W Marston
4 224- COOL AND EASY 199 (D,S) J Gifford 7-10-10 P Hide
5 35-4 RYTON GUARD 15 S Christian 8-10-2 V Slattery
6 F435 NOTARY-NOWELL 15 (B,G) F Murphy 7-10-0 P Murphy (5)
7 U13- ROCKMOUNT ROSE 165 (C,F) R Rowe 8-10-0 C Burnett-Wells
8 -246 SOCKS DOWNE 36 (C,G,S) A Chamberlain 14-10-0 D Meade (5)
9 3242 BARTONDALE 28 (F) J Bradley 8-10-0 R Farrant

5-2 Duo Drom, 7-2 Cool And Easy, 11-2 Ryton Guard, 6-1 Material Girl, Notary-Nowell, 8-1 Rockmount Rose, 14-1 Bartondale, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Jefferson, 3 winners from 5 runners, 60.0%; G Harwood, 6 from 15, 40.0%; Mrs M Reveley, 7 from 25, 28.0%; J Gifford, 13 from 65, 20.0%; F Murphy, 23 from 119, 19.3%; Miss H Knight, 4 from 24, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS: G Upton, 3 winners from 11 rides, 27.3%; Peter Hobbs 4 from 16, 25.0%; J Railton, 10 from 41, 24.4%; M Perrett, 8 from 40, 20.0%; R Dunwoody, 22 from 112, 19.6%; W Marston, 5 from 28, 17.9%.

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THUNDERER
1.00 Linngate. 1.30 One Man. 2.05 Linkside. 2.40 Surrey Dancer. 3.15 Beldine. 3.45 Dancing Dove.

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1.00 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,379: 2m) (12 runners)

1 2-83 ASTRALEON 6 R Allan 5-11-0 B Storey
2 4-24 BACK BEFORE DAWN 7 P Monteith 5-11-0 A Dobbin
3 0-0 IVY HOUSE 16 J J O'Neill 5-11-0 M Dwyer
4 0/ MAGENTA BOY 637 G Moore 5-11-0 N Bentley (3)
5 00-0 MARCO-PIERRE 34 J Barclay 4-11-0 S Turner
6 RHYMING THOMAS J Adam 5-11-0 C Grant
7 FF-0 SPIDERS DELIGHT 20 T Cuthbert 5-11-0 A Merrigan
8 0-0 THYMON THE HORTH 16 J Haynes 4-11-0 C Hawkins
9 0- EMERALD CHARM 286 J Charlton 5-10-9 K Johnson
10 00- EMRAL MISS 230 G Richards 5-10-9 N Doughty
11 P0-P FINE OAK 9 D Robertson 6-10-9 Mr D Robertson
12 33-4 LINNGATE 35 (BF,S) L Lungo 4-10-9 T Reed

9-4 Astraleon, 5-2 Linngate, 7-2 Back Before Dawn, 6-1 Marco-Pierre, 10-1 Ivy House, 12-1 Emral Miss, 20-1 others.

1.30 PLASTICISERS CHARISMA NOVICES CHASE (£2,424: 3m 1f) (7)

1 PU14 BENNAN MARCH 9 (D,S) P Monteith 6-11-7 A Dobbin
2 00-5 ALIAS GRAY 29 Mrs S Taylor 6-11-0 K Johnson
3 /23- KNOCK RANK 330 Mrs M Reveley 8-11-0 P Niven
4 000- LAUDER SQUARE 183 T Dun 5-10-12 T Reed
5 132- ONE MAN 209 (F,G,S) G Richards 5-10-12 N Doughty
6 00 RUSHING BURN 27 J Charlton 7-10-9 B Storey
7 0- DUCHESS OF TUBBER 244 R Fisher 5-10-7 A Thornton (3)

4-11 One Man, 9-2 Bennan March, 5-1 Knock Rank, 20-1 Duchess Of Tubber, 50-1 others.

2.05 LANG WHANG HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,814: 3m 110yd) (5)

1 1-24 SHELTON ABBEY 32 (D,F,G,S) J Hellens 7-11-10 A Larnach (3)
2 0-21 SECRET SCEPTRE 13 (D,G,S) I Ferguson (Ire) 6-11-9 C Grant
3 31-0 PANDESSA 16 (F,G,S) W Cunningham 6-11-7 A Merrigan
4 31-0 LINKSIDE 9 (C,BF,G) M Meagher 8-11-3 L Wyer
5 /POU RUSTINO 7 (G) Mrs M Reveley 7-10-13 P Niven
6 4P25 TRONCHETTO 27 (B,F) J J O'Neill 4-10-12 M Dwyer

5-2 Secret Sceptre, 11-4 Shelton Abbey, 4-1 Tronchetto, 5-1 Linkside, 7-1 Pandessa, 10-1 Rustino.

2.40 GALLOWAY HILLS MAIDEN HURDLE (£1,997: 2m) (11)

1 42-6 CLEAR IDEA 14 G Richards 5-10-12 N Doughty
2 COOL LUKE 29F G Moore 4-10-12 N Bentley (3)
3 DOUBLE STANDARDS C Parker 5-10-12 B Storey
4 0/ EMERALD SEA 762 J Barclay 6-10-12 S Turner
5 5-04 HICKSONS CHOICE 14 J Wade 5-10-12 K Jones
6 0P- KHALLOOF 46F Denys Smith 4-10-12 P Waggott (5)
7 6P/ KUMMEL KING 8F E Alston 5-10-12 M Moloney
8 SCARF J J O'Neill 5-10-12 M Dwyer
9 SURREY DANCER 10F Mrs M Reveley 5-10-12 P Niven
10 2 TROOPING 20 M Meagher 4-10-12 L Wyer
11 P06- ROYAL FIFE 165 Mrs S Bradburne 7-10-7 P Williams (5)

5-2 Surrey Dancer, 11-4 Trooping, 3-1 Cool Luke, 5-1 Clear Idea, 7-1 Hicksons Choice, 20-1 Kummel King, 25-1 Khalloof, 33-1 others.

3.15 MOSSBLOWN CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,598: 2m) (9)

1 2-61 PINEMARTIN 34 (C,D,F,G) G Richards 10-11-13 N Leach
2 1F3- BELDINE 398 (D,F,G,S) P Monteith 8-11-2 A Thornton
3 112/ GREY MINSTREL 581 (C,D,G,S) Denys Smith 9-10-13 P Waggott
4 2-14 CLARES OWN 31 (CD,F,G,S) J Wade 9-10-13 D Bentley
5 2115 POSITIVE ACTION 13 (C,F,G,S) M Barnes 7-10-13 A Dobbin
6 /24- PURA MONEY 433 (CD,F,G,S) G Richards 11-10-13 B Harding
7 2131 ABSAILOR 35 (D,F,G) Mrs S Bradburne 9-10-8 P Williams
8 /USP SINGING SAM 7 (D,G) W Cunningham 8-10-3 A Larnach
9 504U PRESSURE GAME 20 (D,F) B Mactaggart 10-10-0 D J Moffatt

2-1 Absailor, 9-2 Pinemartin, 11-2 Positive Action, 6-1 Beldine, 7-1 Pura Money, 9-1 Clares Own, 10-1 Grey Minstrel, 20-1 others.

3.45 FIVEWAYS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,326: 2m 4f) (12)

1 4F-1 SHAFFIC 14 (D,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-10 P Niven
2 -314 JOHNS THE BOY 14 (CD,G) N Mason 7-11-9 J Supple (5)
3 1F-0 DIG DEEPER 7 (S) J J O'Neill 6-11-4 M Dwyer
4 -052 COQUI LANE 9 G Dun 6-11-2 Mr J M Dun
5 -164 DANCING DOVE 6 (G) G Richards 5-10-13 B Harding (7)
6 F-FF SCOTTISH REFORM 35 (S) J J O'Neill 6-10-8 L Wyer
7 F/4- DENBY HOUSE LAD 350 C Parker 6-10-4 Mr D Parker (7)
8 05-6 BELLS HILL LAD 34 J Barclay 6-10-3 S Turner
9 -450 RED TEMPEST 27 J Goldie 5-10-0 F Perratt (7)
10 -36P THE PATTERS MAGIC 27 M Hammond 6-10-0 C Grant
11 /3-0 CORSTON RACER 34 Mrs S Bradburne 5-10-0 P Williams (5)
12 4P4/ THE POD'S REVENGE 580 (S) E Alston 8-10-0 M Moloney

5-2 Shaffic, 4-1 Coqui Lane, 6-1 Dancing Dove, 7-1 Johns The Boy, 9-1 Bells Hill Lad, 10-1 Corston Racer, 12-1 Dig Deeper, 14-1 Red Tempest, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 26 winners from 72 runners, 36.1%; G Richards, 48 from 219, 21.9%; R Allan, 5 from 25, 20.0%; G Moore, 15 from 87, 17.2%; Mrs S Bradburne, 15 from 87, 17.2%; M Hammond, 8 from 50, 16.0%.

JOCKEYS: P Niven, 34 wins from 119 rides, 28.6%; N Doughty, 32 from 117, 27.4%; N Bentley, 3 from 15, 20.0%; F Perratt, 4 from 22, 18.2%; M Dwyer, 9 from 52, 17.3%; A Dobbin, 5 from 33, 15.2%.

SCRATCHINGS: All engagements (dead): Tomsk, Restless Heart, Christmas Holly, Bucknall Boy, First Division, Charleshurst, Mango Manila.

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Flannelled folly needs shot of subtlety



FREUD ON FRIDAY

Stumps at Aston Villa is a vast indoor pleasure-dome where they are staging an indoor cricket knockout competition. Michael Gatting is there, and Asif Din and Gladstone Small . . . disproving Kipling's contention about nonconfluence.

I was there because the press handout promised "nonstop action with tremendous atmosphere". Some restaurant menus describe dishes as "succulently delicious manifestation of our master chef's consummate skill". That puts me off also. I believe that appreciation should come from the consumer rather than the provider; successful PR has to be pitched a fraction below delivery.

Stumps indoor cricket is available to all at £56 plus VAT for 75 minutes. For this sum you get a pitch within a net, an umpire-scorer-announcer who sits above the wicket, shin pads and wicket-keeper's gloves, bats and hard, light, yellow compo cricket balls with proper seams for two teams of eight players.

I watched a man who had never bowled before throw balls at a man who held his bat the way people hold umbrellas.

Along the walls of the building is a pin table, a video game, a Coca-Cola machine, one for Cadbury's chocolate and another marked Lucozade bearing a "Not for use" notice; whether this refers to the machine or the product is not clear.

At the far end of this Xanadu is indoor football, indoor basketball, indoor netball and, had I looked harder, I might have discovered a whole range of other activities . . . but it was cricket I went to see. It was the cricket in respect of which they had invited the press and provided drinks and sandwiches.

Let me try to explain how it works:

You have this 30-yard long, seven-yard wide by 15-foot high net with a matting floor. There are two wickets, one for batting at, the other for throwing down for run-outs. Each wicket has three independent stumps which, when broken, move in mysterious ways like a three-armed semaphorist.

The fielding side has a bowler, a wicketkeeper, two men on the leg and three on the off; also a sort of bowler's mate who shines the ball, passes it to the bowler and stays behind as his man follows up.

Each of the eight players bowls two eight-ball overs; each of the four pairs of batsmen are "in" for 32 balls and score runs for hitting the side or end netting (the roof netting is ignored) and more runs for crossing halfway down the wicket.

To run out a man making for the halfway crease you have to break the bowler's wicket ten yards on and rely on the umpire for judgement . . . the umpire being the man who sits above the batsman's wicket and doubles as operator of the electronic scoreboard and announcer.

He has the word UMPIRE written along his left trouser leg — the final E being the letter closest to his groin. Some players have INDOOR CRICKET written on their left trouser legs but the other way up — the legend ending by their ankles. I expect there's a good reason for this.

Each time a wicket falls — the most frequent dismissal is run out — the batting side loses five runs, so that games have ended with one team beating another by the lesser of two minus scores. Teams have to bat their allotted overs, for a side that looks as if it is coasting to victory could lose 50 runs in the last ten balls.

On Wednesday, Gatting's County Stars took on the England international side which won the 1993 indoor test series in South Africa. Gatting's men lost.

There was much to admire: the wicketkeeper standing up to Gladstone Small — mainly because there is insufficient room behind the wicket to stand back; the pace achieved by bowlers with a minimal run-up; the courage of the close fielders, when anyone with any sense would find good reasons for remembering an important appointment.

The chairman of Stumps explained that indoor cricket was a wonderful way of getting fit for the outdoor season. I would suggest that a gymnasium, preferably one without overhead cameras, is a more apposite method.

What seems to me to harm the game we love is that strength, not subtlety, is rewarded. To score runs you have to belt the ball for all you're worth — ideally over the bowler's head straight into the end netting for six. A defensive shot gets you nowhere, a late cut is a waste of time and there's insufficient space in the net to place a ball for a quick single.

Indoor cricket is for those able to bowl fast from a limited run, hit huge straight thumps off the front foot and flinch hardly at all when hit about the person by a ball travelling at around 125 miles an hour.

Arthur Wellard, of Somerset, would have been worth his weight in gold, and there was a lot of Arthur Wellard.

In a poem called *The Islanders*, Kipling wrote of flannelled fools at the wicket. Perhaps our poet laureate will update this — though "tracksuited mercenaries" is not a phrase that lends itself easily to verse.

Taylor and Higgins renew bitter rivalry

By Phil Yates

ONE of the most acrimonious rivalries in sport is renewed today when Dennis Taylor and Alex Higgins meet in the first round of the Royal Liver Assurance United Kingdom snooker championship at the Guild Hall, Preston.

Taylor and Higgins became folk heroes in their native Northern Ireland by winning the world championship, but they have little else in common. While Taylor is known for his affability, Higgins has a well-deserved reputation for controversy.

Nor do they much care for each other. During the World Team Cup final at Bournemouth in March 1990 — which Northern Ireland lost to Canada — Higgins threatened to have Taylor "shot".

That outburst, plus the small matter of punching a press officer after his elimination from the world championship the following month, were among a number of disciplinary infringements which resulted in Higgins being suspended from professional competition for the 1990-91 season by the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association.

Taylor beat Higgins 5-2 in the first round of the Benson and Hedges Irish Masters three weeks after the World Team cUp incident, but they have not faced each other since and a great deal of bad blood remains.

"It wasn't just the fact that Alex threatened to have me shot, he said other personal things which really hurt me," Taylor said recently. "I haven't spoken to him since. If Alex hasn't got anything good to say about people he shouldn't say anything at all."

Their history, a capacity crowd and the miserable form of both players will ensure that the result today will be decided by the ability to cope with the kind of tension that can only be generated by such a grudge match.

It would be a stern examination of character if Higgins and Taylor were still at the height of their powers. As they have wrestled unsuccessfully with confidence and technique-related problems for the last couple of years, it will be an ordeal.

Higgins is at 56th in the provisional standings and has not reached the last 32 of a world ranking tournament since the 1991 Dubai Classic while Taylor, who has been an ever-present member of the top 16 since the ranking system was introduced in 1976, is in danger of losing his place among the game's elite.

Taylor was beaten 5-1 by Marcus Campbell, the world No 186, in the first round of the Skoda Grand Prix last month. An excessive amount of upper-body movement on important shots proved his undoing, as it has on numerous occasions during his decline.

"It's not as important that I beat Alex for who he is as it is just to get through," Taylor, who has lost the opening match of the other four events he has contested this season, said.

Higgins also lost 5-1 in the last 64 of the grand prix, to Tony Knowles, and his general bitterness was obvious when he delivered a rambling discourse to the press, even though he was not requested to conduct any interviews.

Jimmy White, the title holder, has not made the an auspicious start to the season and will need a significant improvement to stand a realistic chance of a successful defence.

Although Stephen Hendry was beaten by Peter Ebdon, the eventual winner, in the last 32 of the grand prix, he is rightly considered a strong favourite to collect the £70,000 first prize. A bout of influenza and swollen glands did not help his cause against Ebdon, but, fully fit, the Scot looked invincible in overwhelming Steve Davis 9-3 in the Dubai Classic final five weeks ago.

ORDER OF PLAY

First round: D Morgan (Wales) v D Clarke (Eng); M Hallett (Eng) v T Shaw (Eng); A McManus (Scot) v R O'Sullivan (Eng); D Taylor (N Ire) v A Higgins (N Ire); J Swail (N Ire) v A Hicks (Eng); T Griffiths (Wales) v M Davis (Eng); J Johnson (Eng) v C Edwards (Eng); K Doherty (Ire) v N Terry (Eng); J Ferguson (Eng) v T Murphy (N Ire); N Foulds (Eng) v D Harold (Eng); D Reynolds v J Birch (Eng)



Po hits a backhand drive on her way to victory over Sukova in Philadelphia. Photograph: Carol Francavilla

Ivanisevic keeps target in sights

By Our Sports Staff

GORAN Ivanisevic moved smoothly into the quarter-finals of the European Community Championships in Antwerp yesterday, bringing him a step closer to a berth in the world tennis championships next week.

Ivanisevic, of Croatia, the world No 9, overcame Johan Van Herck, of Belgium, 6-3, 6-3, and in the last eight will play the winner of the match between Cedric Pioline, of France, and Marc Göllner, of Germany.

On another good day for Swedish players, Magnus Gustafsson came from behind to beat Brett Steven, of New Zealand, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2, and Magnus Larsson overwhelmed Richard Matuszewski, of the United States, 6-3, 6-2, to reach the quarter-finals.

Already through to the last eight is the top seed, Pete Sampras, who will play another Swede, Nicklas Kulti.

Ivanisevic's win improves his chances of qualifying for next week's world championships in Frankfurt, which bring together the top eight players of the season. Apart from Ivanisevic, Boris Becker and Pioline are still in the running for the last place.

Seven of the eight places have already been clinched by Sampras, Jim Courier, Sergi Bruguera, Michael Stich, Stefan Edberg, Andrei Medvedev and Michael Chang.

Steffi Graf continued her march towards her twelfth successive tournament final with a 6-1, 6-3 victory over Pam Shriver in the second round of the Virginia Slims of Philadelphia. The world No 1 won her 43rd consecutive tour match with ease but Helena Sukova, runner-up to Graf at the US Open, suffered a surprise defeat by Kimberly Po.

Po, the world No 60, broke Sukova's service three times in the second set to triumph 7-6, 6-4. Conchita Martinez, of Spain, the No 2 seed, survived a strong challenge from Lisa Raymond to win 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.

In the LTA women's satellite tournament at Swindon, Emily Bond overwhelmed the second seed, Ginny Humphreys-Davies, 6-2, 6-1, to reach the semi-finals.

The 20-year-old from Gloucestershire needed only 62 minutes to see off her Cambridge opponent, who had to withdraw from last week's national championships with a back injury.

Bond, who lives in Belgium, now faces Eva Borras, of Spain, who beat the sixth seed, Shirli-Ann Siddall, 7-5, 6-3. Caroline Billingham lost 6-4, 6-0 to Florence Boucard, of France. Boucard takes on Svetlana Parhomenko in today's other semi-final.

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Atherton declares optimism

By Michael Henderson

MICHAEL Atherton yesterday expressed total confidence in the players he had helped to select for England's attempt this winter to win a series in the Caribbean for the first time since 1968 and said that they had a great opportunity to make a name for themselves.

Addressing the Sports Writers' Association in London, the England captain said: "The fact that this is the hardest of all tours presents the players with the biggest opportunity they could wish for. We have the chance to make a name for ourselves."

Half the battle, he said, was getting players to believe that West Indies, who have not lost a series to anyone since New Zealand beat them in 1980, were vulnerable. "People have to convince themselves they are good enough to win out there. A number of our players were in the side which won the first Test four years ago and the younger ones also have the experience of beating them, which cannot be said of Gower and Gatting."

Atherton tempered his optimism with shrewdness. So long as he is captain, it is fairly clear, shirkers need not apply. "Players will not get too many chances. Playing for England should mean everything and if they do not share that view they will get short shrift from me."

Chris Lewis, who is lucky to be on the tour after a disappointing summer with Nottinghamshire, can still emerge as a key Test player, Atherton feels. "Chris realises that he is running out of chances, but I think that being dropped last summer will motivate him. I feel he has a lot to offer, particularly as an out-and-out fast bowler."

Atherton hopes that England will follow the Australian example of shaping a team with patience. "We have picked a squad of players not just for this tour but with the idea of building a good team in years to come," he said.

☐ Match referees have now been confirmed for five forthcoming Test series by the International Cricket Council. Australia v New Zealand: S Venkataraghavan. Pakistan v Zimbabwe: R S Madugalle. Sri Lanka v West Indies: Zaheer Abbas. Australia v South Africa: J L Hendriks. South Africa v Australia: D B Carr.

Beyer seeks world calendar

By Craig Lord

ANGERED by a sub-standard entry at the European Sprint Championships at Gateshead, Harm Beyer, secretary of the European Swimming League, has demanded that Fina, the international governing body, arrange a world calendar conference for no later than February to set in stone competition dates for the next eight years.

Beyer, of Germany, lays the blame for the absence of the likes of Mark Foster, of Britain, and Franziska van Almsick, of Germany, the world record holders at 50 metres freestyle, from Gateshead's Felling Pool, where qualifying heats were raced last night, squarely at Fina's feet, even though he is a member of the Fina bureau.

He said Fina had announced it would stage a short-course world championship in the winter without discussion with the European league after noticing how successful, in terms of entries and world record swims, the annual European sprint event, started in 1991, had become.

By holding the inaugural short-course world championships at Palma, Majorca, in early December, Fina had risked weakening the entry at both the world and European events, given that swimmers find it difficult to peak twice within three weeks.

After calling Gunnar Werner, secretary of Fina, in Sweden, Beyer said: "I demand from Fina that they call a meeting with representatives from the five continents and that we establish a long-term — eight years for me, or a minimum four years — international calendar to place the focal swimming events in such a way they are not competitive with one another."

Werner, said Beyer, had agreed that the pressure to hold a world calendar conference was "now bigger than before", and had given assurances that he would "try to find an arrangement that we meet very early".

☐ As leaders in their respective events in the Commonwealth rankings, Nick Gillingham, Paul Palmer, Martin Harris and Mark Foster have earned pre-selection for England for the Commonwealth Games next year.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Conner's sail cloth sparks dispute

AS CREWS prepare for the start tomorrow of the second stage of the Whitbread Round the World Race, from Punta del Este to Fremantle, a dispute has developed over high-modulus sails used by Dennis Conner's American yacht, Winston (Barry Pickthall writes).

Brad Butterworth, Conner's co-skipper, confirmed yesterday that the race committee had revoked measure certificates on two of Winston's sails made of Vectran, a specialist sail cloth manufactured by North Sails. "I am not happy with the decision, but there is not much we can do about it now until Fremantle," he said.

The Winston team is particularly aggrieved because they went to the lengths of asking, and getting permission from, the race organisers, to have the $10,000 sails made from the new high-modulus polyester-type material. The two sails were also checked and accepted by measurers before the start.

Schwer stays home

BOXING: The European championship is no longer of first importance to Billy Schwer (Srikumar Sen writes). The Luton lightweight regained the British and Commonwealth titles by beating Paul Burke, of Preston, at Watford on Wednesday, but Mickey Duff, his manager, said Schwer would challenge for the European title only in Britain.

If Duff is unsuccessful in persuading Jean Baptiste Mendy, of France, to come to Britain, Schwer will concentrate on defending his two titles — there is plenty of good opposition at home — and gather enough experience to challenge for the world title in about 18 months time. "If I get a chance to make the European title in Britain, I'll make it," Duff said. "If I have to go abroad, I might take my time."

England pair struggle

BOWLS: Tony Allcock, the world champion, and his England partner, John Bell, must wait to discover if they will progress in the Hong Kong Classic pairs event in Kowloon. They have secured only two wins from six matches, leaving them in seventh place out of ten in their section. With the top four going forward to the quarter-final knockout stages tomorrow, England must win their three concluding matches. The Welsh pair, Robert Weale and Will Thomas, and the champions, Alex Marshall and Graham Robertson, from Scotland, both have four wins from six matches.

Fours result amended

ROWING: Wade Hall-Craggs was a happy man yesterday after the results of the Fours Head last Sunday were changed. Hall-Craggs was the stroke of the Tideway Scullers quad, which was originally announced as trailing 19 seconds behind the Leander coxless four containing Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent. Checks of the manual and computer timing by Jim Hopkins, the race chairman, revealed that three top quads, including Tideway Scullers, had been given incorrectly slow times. The revised results place the Scullers first, five seconds ahead of Leander.

Tyson's future in doubt

BOXING: Mike Tyson, the former undisputed world heavyweight champion, has said he may not resume his career when he is released from prison. Tyson, speaking in the Indiana jail where he is serving a six-year sentence for rape, said there was a possibility that his career is "all over". In an interview to be televised by ITV Sport early on Sunday, he said his main concern was to clear his name. Tyson said: "When I get out of here, I might be 28 or 29. What can I do? Who can I fight? There has to be more to life than people saying 'we need you back in the ring'."

Sunday change

CRICKET: A Test and County Cricket Board working party has recommended that the Sunday League returns from a 50-over to a 40-over format. The longer form of the competition, introduced as the Axa Equity and Law League earlier this year, has proved unpopular with both players — who feel it is too long — and spectators — many of whom object to its earlier start (noon rather than 2pm). A decision will be taken in December. Geoff Arnold has resigned after nine years on the coaching staff of Surrey, who plan to appoint a director of cricket and a new coach.



Worse things happen ashore

Disaster at sea is something we all learn to live with. But worse things can happen ashore – when sailors grow old, become disabled, fall on hard times, leave widows to be cared for and children to be educated.

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (70873)
7.00 Breakfast News (52940947)
9.05 Kilroy. Topical studio discussion *series* (9471473) **9.45 Newshound**. Current affairs quiz (s) (1823015)
10.00 News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (3260522) **10.05 Playdays** (r). (6674164)
10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick Anne Diamond and Nick Owen present their weekday magazine (78783560)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Today's guest is Adam Faith (s) (2626928) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (76656560)
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather (40034)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (42595947) **1.50 Going For Gold.** The grand final *of the general knowledge* quiz with European contestants. The question-master is Henry Kelly (42599763)
2.15 The Flying Doctors. Drama series set in Australian outback (Ceefax) (s) (6465386)
3.00 Making Tracks. Includes a trip on the Bluebell Railway in West Sussex (2043763)
3.25 Cartoon Double Bill (r) (4015034) **3.45 Dooby Duck's Euro Tour** (r). (s) (7232657) **3.50 Philbert The Frog** (s) (1526283) **3.55 Superbods** (Ceefax) (s) (2879034) **4.10 *The Animals of Farthing Wood*** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4379657) **4.35 Record Breakers.** More record-breaking feats with Roy Castle and Cheryl Baker. (Ceefax) (s) (1764015)
5.00 Newsround (1676454) **5.10 Byker Grove** Children's drama (Ceefax) (2282947)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (694657). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (947)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (299). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Tomorrow's World. Ostrich steak could soon be on the menu if British farmers can rear the birds in our cold climate. (Ceefax) (s) (1218)
7.30 Dr Who and the Daleks *Episode two* of the six-part story celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of the good doctor. With Jon Pertwee (r) (Ceefax) (183)
8.00 Bruce Forsyth's Generation Game. Family game show. (Ceefax) (6251)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News Headlines (Ceefax) and weather (4909)
9.30 *FILM: Next of Kin* *(1989) starring* Patrick Swayze. Predictable gangster movie in which a hillbilly policeman takes on the Mafia to bring his brother's killer to justice. Directed by John Irvin (705812). **Northern Ireland:** Children in Need Newsdesk 9.35 Anderson on the Box 10.30 Film: Next of Kin 12.15am-1.45 Film: The Haunted House of Horror; **Wales:** Between Ourselves 10.00 Film: Next of Kin 11.40 Film: The Lost Boys 1.15am-2.25 Film: I Was a Teenage Werewolf

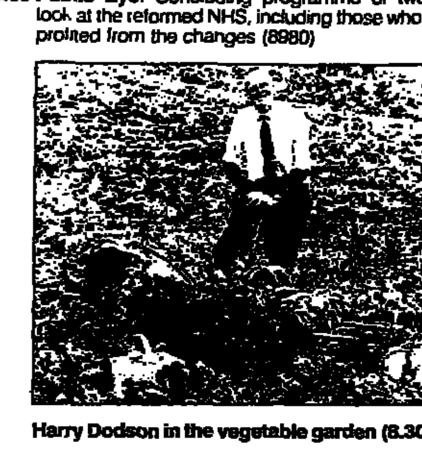


Kiefer Sutherland and Jason Patric (11.15pm)

11.15 FILM: The Lost Boys (1987) starring Kiefer Sutherland and Jason Patric. Lighthearted latter-day vampire tale set in California. Directed by Joel Schumacher (875744)
12.45am FILM: I Was a Teenage Werewolf (1957, b/w) starring Michael Landon. The late *Bonanza* star was embarrassed by his role in this cheap horror tale in *which he plays a student who visits a psychiatrist* and comes out as a werewolf. Directed by Gene Fowler Jr (4197042) **2.05 Weather** (5095961)

BBC2

8.00 Breakfast News (9708812)
8.15 Cameron Country: The Last of the Gunboats (r) (4116562)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **1.20 Fingermouse** (r) (81863034) ***1.35-1.40* Crystal Tipps and Alistair** (r) (96563589)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (90496367) **2.05 *Words and Pictures*** *(s) (14357367)*
2.15 Sport on Friday presented by Helen Rollason. Coverage of the European Sprint Swimming Championships from Gateshead and the **2.30, 3.05** and **3.40** races from Cheltenham (s) (711522)
3.50 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7211164)
4.00 Catchword Word game (s) (812)
4.30 A Cook's Tour of France (r). (Ceefax) (116)
5.00 Today's the Day. Quiz show presented by Martyn Lewis (9096)
5.30 Top Gear. The new £47,000 Lotus Esprit S4 is taken for a test-drive and there is a feature on quarter-scale racing cars (r) (Ceefax) (s) (676)
6.00 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons. The Mysterons have gained control of a Spectrum rocket (Ceefax) (271218)
6.25 The Man from UNCLE. Napoleon and Illya enter showbiz. (Ceefax) (866693)
7.15 The Living Soap Fly-on-the-wall look at six students sharing a house in Manchester (s) (699831)
7.45 American Trilogy. Focus on American art (s) (258947)
7.50 What The Papers Say with Peter Millar of *The Sunday Times* (239812)
8.00 Public Eye. Concluding programme of two-part look at the reformed NHS, *including those who have profited from the changes* (8980)



Harry Dodson in the vegetable garden (8.30pm)

8.30 CHOICE **The Wartime Kitchen and Garden.** (Ceefax) (s) (7015)
9.00 Bottom: Comedy with Rik Mayall. Richie and Eddie have to choose between culture — or insanity (r). (Ceefax) (5251)
9.30 CHOICE **The Team: A Season With McLaren.** (Ceefax) (33183)
10.00 Have I Got News for You. Gerald Kaufman and Alexei Sayle are the guests (82152)
10.30 Newsnight with Kirsty Wark (Ceefax) (310763)
11.15 The Larry Sanders Show. Satirical comedy series set behind the scenes of an American television chat show, starring Garry Shandling. (s) (956638). **Wales:** Welsh Lobby **11.45 Weather** (179928)
11.50 Date Rape. Recent court judgments in date rape cases have cast doubt on old certainties about *sexual behaviour. In this programme, victims of date* rape, men who have been accused and lawyers, discuss the issue (s) (839218). Ends at **12.55am**

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CHOICE



Man for all seasons, Dennis, centre (BBC2, 9.30pm)

The Team — a Season with McLaren
BBC2, 9.30pm

Surprisingly, you do not have to be interested in motor racing to enjoy this new seven-part series on McLaren, *one of Formula One's greatest racing teams. Consider* the ingredients. There is the tough boss, Ron Dennis, the sort of man who will tell you to "get to work and go quicker" if you do well, but will sit down quietly with you if you do badly. Then there is the rugged Brazilian driver, Ayrton Senna, a man who can sniff out a dodgy engine at 40 paces. But wait, coming up on the inside is a new star, the boyish blond test driver from Finland, Mika Hakkinen. All this is in just the first episode, an appetite-whetter packed with drama.

Short Stories: Crash Course
Channel 4, 8.00pm

By complete contrast to the world of top class racing, we have the world of dithering drivers and faulty gear-changing. Tonight's *Short Stories* follows the progress of a group of candidates on an intensive course at the Three Counties Driving School in Malvern. Julia seems to be on a high. She likes driving, likes "putting her foot down" and likes the idea of taking her test on Friday the 13th, her lucky day. Twenty-six-year-old Rupert is a bundle of nerves and desperate to pass in order to increase his chances of getting a job. But it is Geraldine who really captures the imagination. After a quarter of a century *of driving and ten tests, she is* determined to get it right this time.

New Soul Nation
Channel 4, 11.15pm

Shot at the Vox club in Brixton, this is a lively, danceworthy celebration of the best of British soul music over the past 15 years. With a non-stop soul soundtrack and sets by Omar, Mica Paris, Max Beesley and Nu Colours, the programme hardly has time to draw breath. Somehow though, our presenter Lenny Henry manages to tear himself away from rapping with Omar in order to interview soulsters such as Jazzie B of Soul II Soul and Carl McIntosh of Loose Ends as well as knowledgeable DJs Norman Jay and Greg Edwards. While not very comfortable as an interviewer, Henry is ideal when it comes to keeping the tone light and asking seriously uncool questions, such as "what is a funky dread?" He also elicits much information about the history of British soul.

The Wartime Kitchen and Garden
BBC2, 8.30pm

We have now reached January 1940 and rationing has begun. This fact coupled with the dreariness of one of the coldest winters on record, prompts our trusty cook, Ruth Mott, to get going in the kitchen with some warming and cheap recipes. The obsession as always, is not to waste the butter. This means that the pastry on the leek pudding is a filling mixture of suet and *potato. As for the meat, by picking the bones out of* breast of lamb and covering it in breadcrumbs, Mott manages to make something both palatable and unidentifiable. **Stephanie Billen**

We have been asked to point out that the young man pictured yesterday from the Channel 4 programme *People First* is not mentally ill, as the caption may have implied, but has learning disabilities.

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (8254560)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep. Dale Winton hosts a trolley dash between three couples (s) (7933909) **9.55 London Today** (6683812)
10.00 The Time ... The Place ... Topical studio discussion chaired by John Stapleton (s) (3790034)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine programme with the spotlight today on entertainment *(78784299)* ***12.20 London Today*** *(Teletext) and* weather (7581454)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (9529676)
12.55 Coronation Street (r). (9504367) **1.25 Home and Away.** Australian family drama (30873725) **1.55 A Country Practice** Drama serial centred on surgery in an Australian country town (42583102)
2.20 Capital Woman. Anneka Rice and Stephen Gardner look at the options open to women who *want to go back to work; and a woman is given tips* on how to dress when she starts in a new job (s) (59112367) **2.50 Take the High Road.** Soap set in the Highlands (7668928)
3.20 News headlines (4822763) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (4821034)
3.30 Alphabet Castle (s) (2861015) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (7242034) **3.50 Scooby Doo** (r) (7248218) **4.00 Astro Farm.** (Teletext) (s) (1968638) **4.15 The Legends of Treasure Island** (s) (4363096) **4.40 *Knightmare*** (s) (5579831)
5.10 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (2459102)
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) (211473)
6.00 London Tonight. Caron Keating joins Sylvester Stallone as he switches on the Christmas lights in Regent Street. (Teletext) (25164)
7.00 Family Fortunes With Les Dennis (s) (6386)
7.30 Coronation Street. *(Teletext)* (251)
8.00 Beadle's About. More practical jokes on unsuspecting members of the public (5034)
8.30 Second Thoughts. Comedy series with James Bolam and Lynda Bellingham as a couple thinking of marriage for the second time. In this episode, Faith wants to be romanced and is going to impress *Bill with her domestic skills regardless. (Teletext)* (s) (4541)

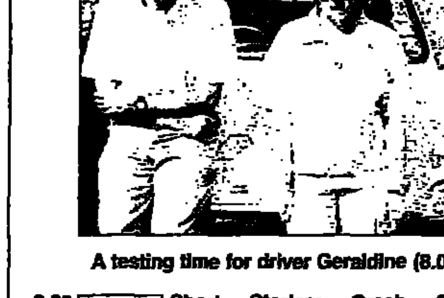


Griff Rhys Jones, Samantha Janus (9.00pm)

9.00 Demob. Comedy drama set just after the second world war with Griff Rhys Jones and Martin Clunes *as demobbed soldiers trying to make it in showbiz.* With Samantha Janus. (Teletext) (s) (1183)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (82198) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (161589)
10.40 The London Programme. Do boys and girls perform better academically in single-sex classrooms? Presented by Trevor Phillips (636102)
11.10 Tour of Duty. *American drama set in the Vietnam* war (r) (547980)
12.05am Dial Midnight. A mix of comedy, music and controversy (s) (4616771)
1.05 The ITV Chart Show (s) (6617077)
2.05 Whale On ... James Whale mixes debate, music and competitions (6492416)
3.05 TXT. *Rhona Cameron hosts a celebrity chat show* (8296139)
4.05 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. The latest gossip from Hollywood (4373814) **4.30 Coach** (61313)
5.00 Riviera. French soap (32313)
5.30 ITN Morning News (38936). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors. Animated adventures (r) (1375270)
6.50 The Wombles Children's fun with environmental overtones (r) (2090541)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (30657)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Bill Cosby hosts the archetypal US game show (r) (s) (19015)
9.30 Schools: Eureka! (1811270) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (5551473) **10.02** *Power and Politics in the* Modern World (6691831) **10.23** Picture Box (1960096) **10.40** Off Limits (8200305) **11.05** Choices (9105305) **11.22** Stage One (7038096) **11.40** How We Used to Live (5632454)
12.00 Profiles of Nature: The Pronghorn A look at the life of the small American deer (99251)
12.30 Sesame Street. American toddlers' entertainment and erudition, with Robin Williams guesting (25015) **1.30 Kaboodle** Comedy, fantasy and adventure for the young (r) (47386)
2.00 FILM: Pushover (1954, b/w) starring Fred MacMurray and Kim Novak. *Double Indemnity*-style *film noir with MacMurray as the cop who is unable to* keep his relationship with gangster's moll Novak strictly professional. Directed by Richard Quine (723367)
3.35 Blow Your Mind Frances Barber reads from Joyce's *Ulysses* (r) (Teletext) (s) (7229183)
3.40 Voice Over Queen. Short about an actress doing *advertising verbals (r) (2849893)*
3.55 Eat Up Repeat of Wednesday's nutrition programme (r). (Teletext) (s) (3524589)
4.30 Fifteen to One. Fast-paced general knowledge knock-out (Teletext) (s) (164)
5.00 Cutting Edge: Fire Investigators. Re-run of Monday's documentary (r) (Teletext) (3299)
6.00 Hangin' with Mr Cooper. *American comedy for the* "youth" slot (Teletext) (s) (657)
6.30 Happy Days American sitcom set in 1950s Milwaukee (Teletext) (909)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (613454)
7.50 First Reaction (s) (224980)



A testing time for driver Geraldine (8.00pm)

8.00 CHOICE **Short Stories: Crash Course.** (Teletext) (3676)
8.30 Brookside. Soap set in suburban Merseyside. (Teletext) (s) (2183)
9.00 Plant Life: The Green Machine. Leaves are the *planet's solar panels — the wonders of* photosynthesis. (Teletext) (8837)
9.30 Cheers. The late Nicholas Colasanto's last appearance as Coach. (r) (Teletext) (28251)
10.00 Nurses. American hospital comedy (Teletext) (s) (90980)
10.30 Clive Anderson Talks Back. Cutting repartee with *Stephen Fry, Bamber Gascoigne and body piercer* David J (s) (381251)
11.10 The Word Preview. The forthcoming series of the youth entertainment show (381541)
11.15 CHOICE **New Soul Nation** (s) (775251)
12.40am FILM: Five Corners (1987) starring Jodie Foster, Tim Robbins and John Turturro. *Quirky drama/romance set in the Bronx of the mid-1960s.* The setting is convincing, the narrative less so Directed by Tony Bill (292400)
2.25 Trash Talk. Repeat of last night's American football review (r) (6866706). Ends at **2.55**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW. 4.00am** Bruno Brookes (**FM** only) **7.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **10.00** John Peel (**FM** only from **12.00**) **1.00-4.00am** Mark Tonderai (**FM** only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Terry Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Sir David Steel **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Maestro **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** Roderick Elms *at the piano* **9.30** Listen to the Band. Brighouse and Rastrick Band under Jeremy Wise **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Digby Fairweather *with Jazz Notes* **1.00-4.00** Jon Briggs with Night Ride

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** Schools Primary Geography: Castries, St Lucia; **9.15** Playtime; **9.30** Music Box; **9.45** *Something to* Think About Infant Assemblies; **10.00** Music Workshop. Music Course 3 **10.25** Johnnie Walker with the AM Alternative **12.30pm** It's My Life (r) **1.00** News and Sport **1.10** *The Crunch* **2.30** BFBS Worldwide **4.05** John Inverdale's Drive-In **6.30** Starting Out with Terry **7.15** Snake in the Grass Helen Cresswell's comic tale, read by this year's *Time Out* Comedy Award winner Kevin Day **7.30** Popcall **8.30** Euromix **9.30** 20th-Century Vampire **10.10** Rave **12.00-12.10am** News, Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin Tips für Touristen **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** The World's Policeman **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Music Review **9.00** News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Global Concerns **9.30** On the Move **9.45** Sport **10.00** News **10.01** Focus on Faith **10.30** Broadway Lights **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** News **12.10pm** *Words of Faith* **12.15** The World's Policeman **12.45** Sport **1.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: *Anthem for Doomed Youth* **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** News **3.15** Music Review **4.00** News **4.10** British News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** World Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** Kaleidoskop **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.25** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **10.15** People and Politics **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** Worldbrief **11.30** Multitrack 3 **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** From the Weeklies **12.45** The Learning World **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** *Short Stories: With Friends Like Us, Who Needs Enemies?* **1.45** Jazz Now and Then **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** News **3.10** British News **3.15** Sport **3.30** *The Vintage Chart* News **4.00** News **4.15** Good Books

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** *Lunchtime Concerto* Lalo (Cello Concerto in D minor André Navarra Lamoureux Orchestra) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** *Classic Verdict* **8.00** *Evening Concert:* Rimsky-Korsakov (Russian Easter Festival Overture Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra); Borodin (Polovtsian Dances Berlin Philharmonic) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** *Tommy Vance* **7.00** Emperor Rosko **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00am** Paul Coyte

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (42583102) **2.20-2.50** Gardening Time (59112367) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News (4821034) **5.10-5.40** Travel Trails (2459102) ***6.00** Home And Away* (268744) ***6.25-7.00*** Anglia News (959473) **10.30** Anglia News (145541) **10.45** Anglia Sport Special (90104473) **12.35am** Beyond Reality (6982771) **1.05** Whale On (6617077) **2.05** Raw Power (9060110) **3.05** Entertainment UK (9410955) **4.00** Get Wet (76394) **4.30** Riviera (61313) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (32313)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55 Shortland Street (42583102) **2.20-2.50** Material World (59112367) **3.25-3.30** Central News (4821034) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Games And Videos (2459102) **6.00** Home And Away (268744) **6.25-7.00** Central News (959473) **10.30** Central News (161589) **10.40** Central Weekend (6548960) **12.10am** Tropical Heat (4615042) **1.10** Whale On (6616348) **2.10** The Beat (9069481) **3.10** Entertainment U K (8268110) **4.10** Jobfinder (7956226) **5.20-5.30** *Asian Eye* (5380351)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (42583102) **2.20-3.20** Highway To Heaven (5321638) **3.25-3.30** HTV News (4821034) **6.00** HTV News and Weather (265) **6.30-7.00** HTV Sportsweek (367) **10.30** HTV News and Weather (161589) **10.40** Late And Live (6548960) **12.10am** Beverly Hills 90210 (4705619) **1.05** Whale On (6617077) **2.05** *Raw Power (9060110)* ***3.05*** *Entertainment* UK (9410955) **4.00** Get Wet (76394) **4.30** Riviera (61313) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (32313)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.00 Wales At Six (265) **6.30-7.00** Get Going (367) **10.30** HTV Wales Headlines (161589) **10.40** The Mai Pope Story (416386) **11.40** The Big Story (302034) **12.10am** Married...With Children (3357961) **12.40-1.05** Billy (3373315)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 12.20pm-12.30 Meridian News & Weather (7581454) **1.55** A Country Practice (42583102) **2.20** Take The High Road (59112367) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (7668928) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (4821034) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes - The Listings (975522) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (25164) **10.30** Meridian News and Weather (161589) **10.40** Married...With Children (636102) **11.10** Film: To Live And Die In LA (197270) **1.10am** Whale On (6616348) **2.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6766752) **2.40** Raw Power (3065481) **3.40** Cue The Music (7675752) **4.30** The Art Of The Landscape (61313) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (32313)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Tyne Tees News (6683812) **12.20pm** Tyne Tees News (7590102) **12.25-12.30** Lookaround (7599473) **1.55** A Country Practice (42583102) **2.20** Murder, She Wrote (3402522) **3.10** Help Yourself (4893251) **3.15-3.20** Five Minutes (4892522) **3.25-3.30** Tyne Tees News (4821034) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (696367) **6.30-7.00** Waddell's World (367) **10.30** Tyne Tees News (161589) **10.40** Songs Of Northumbria (6548960) **12.10am** And They Walked Away (7155690) **1.15** Whale On (684145) **2.15** The Big E (9158329) **3.10** Film: Wild River (173023) **5.05-5.30** Get Wet (2703936)

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As London except: 1.55 The Sullivans *(42583102)* ***2.20*** *Gardener's Diary* (59112367) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (7668928) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry Latest (4821034) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (25164) **10.30** Westcountry Latest (161589) **10.40** Beverly Hills 90210 (426763) **11.35** Love And War (303763) **12.05am** Late Night Romantics (4708706) **1.00** My Story (7521226) **1.05** Whale On (6617077) **2.05** Raw Power (9060110) **3.05** Entertainment UK (9410955) **4.00** Get Wet (76394) **4.30** Riviera (61313) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (32313)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.20pm-12.30 *Calendar News* (7581454) **1.55** A Country Practice (42583102) **2.20** Murder, She Wrote (3402522) **3.10** Help Yourself (4893251) **3.15-3.20** Five Minutes (4892522) **3.25-3.30** Calendar News (4821034) **5.55** Calendar (696367) **6.30-7.00** Calendar Fashion (367) **10.30** Calendar News (161589) **10.40** Songs Of Northumbria (6548960) **12.10am** And They Walked Away (7155690) **1.15** Whale On (684145) **2.15** The Big E (9158329) **3.10** Film: Wild River (173023) **5.05-5.30** Get Wet (2703936)

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Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (30657) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (19015) **9.30** Schools (794183) **12.00pm** Profiles Of Nature (99251) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (48015) **1.00** Sesame Street (36270) **2.00** Film: 20,000 Years In Sing Sing (9866522) **3.20** The *Beginning* (4811657) ***3.30** The Talking Show* (473) **4.00** Slot 23 (4763) **5.00** Trash Talk (4164) **5.30** Fifteen To One (744) **6.00** News (352657) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (328725) **6.25** Heno (957015) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (4928) **7.30** Pelydr X (893) **8.00** Canrif O Gan (3676) **8.30** Newyddion (2183) **9.00** Ara (9725) **10.00** Brookside (90980) **10.30** Clive Anderson Talks Back (381251) **11.10** The Word Preview (381541) **11.15** Lenny Henry In Search Of The New Soul Nation (775251) **12.40am** Film Five Corners (292400)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather **7.00 On Air:** Mozart (Rondo in A, K386); Milhaud (Suite Provençale); Wassenaer (Concerto No 3 in A); Sibelius (Andante Festivo); Bartók (Three Dances, 44 Duos); Tchaikovsky (Suite, The Nutcracker)
9.00 Composers of the Week: Byrd and Tallis. Byrd (Sing Joyfully; O Lord, make thy servant Elizabeth); Tallis (Hear the Voice and Prayer; Lesson); Byrd (Venite, Short Service, Voluntary; Kyrie; Gloria, Mass for Three Voice, *Gaudeamus* Omnes; Sanctus, Mass for Five Voices; Ave Verum Corpus; Solve Jubente Deo; Agnus Dei, Mass for Four Voices)
10.00 Musical Encounters: Ponchielli (Dance of the Hours, La Gioconda); **11.00** Artist of the Week, Bryn Terfel, baritone, sings Monteverdi (*Vespers* excerpts); Schubert (Ständchen)
12.00 Voices: Spotlight on Peter Pears. A recital of music written for the English tenor by Benjamin Britten (r)
1.00pm News 1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert: From St George's, Brandon Hill. Evzen Rattay, cello, and Josef Hala, piano, perform Martinů (Cello Sonata No 2); Suk (Balada and Serenada, Op 3), Janáček (Pohadka); Martinů (Variations on a Slovak Theme)
2.05 Sir Eugene Goossens: In 1941, Goossens became the musical director of the Sydney Symphony and director of the Conservatoire. Butterworth (A Shropshire Lad); Goossens (Divertimento; Symphony No 1); *John Antill* (Procession of the Tokens and Fire Ceremony, Corroboree); Goossens (Oboe Concerto, Op 45); Britten (Les Illuminations); Stravinsky (The Rite of Spring)
4.05 Chopin: Polonaise in B flat, Op 71 No 2, Mazurka in C sharp minor, Op 50 No 3 (Angela Brownridge, piano) (r)
4.30 The Land Between the Rivers: Ruth Davis presents traditional music from Iraq
5.00 In Tune, presented by Richard Baker. Massenet (Fête Bohème, Scenes pittoresques), Telemann (Viola Concerto No 1 in G); Borodin (Symphony No 2 in B minor); Lefébure-Wély (Sortie in B flat)
7.30 *BBC Philharmonic under* Jane Glover performs Roussel (Pour une fête de printemps); Ravel (Piano Concerto in G: *Peter Jablonski); Judith* Bingham (Chartres)
8.55 Sleepless Nights: The final extract from travel writer Alan *Brown's diary of everyday* anxieties
9.00 Simon Keenlyside, baritone, Malcolm Martineau, piano, *perform Wolf (Heimweh; Auf* eine Christblume II; Lied vom Winde; Um Mitternacht; Wo find ich Trost?; Der Feuerreiter; *Gesang Weylas; In der Frühe;* An die Geliebte; Der Knabe und das Immlein; Nimmersatte Liebe; Bei einer Trauung; Lied *eines Verliebten; Der Jäger,* Mörike Lieder) (r)
9.55 Musica Antiqua Cologne performs Campra (Suite, Les *fêtes vénitiennes); Gluck* (Suite, Alessandro)
10.45 Friday Feature: The Silver Knight. See Choice
11.30 Midnight Oil: Philip Tagney introduces a multi-media event about the politics of Aids, *recorded* at the ICA's season of American politicised art
12.30-12.35am News 1.00-2.25 Night School (except in *Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am*)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today ***6.25** Prayer for the Day* **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.43** *Stories by Arthur Quiller-Couch* **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway *is the author Sybil Marshall (r)*
9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley
10.00-10.30 No Further Questions? (FM only): The Siege of Devonport. Nicholas Stewart, QC, discusses the trial of two campaigners opposed to the Contagious Diseases Acts, introduced in the 1860s
10.00 News; An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only). Isaiah (14/16) (r)
10.30 Women's Hour: Cheryl Armitage reports on the help *given to children of parents* who are HIV positive. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 The Natural History Programme, presented by Kelvin Boot
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm The Food Programme 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Classic Serial: The French Lieutenant's Woman, by John Fowles (2/3) (r)
3.00 News; Special Assignment
3.30 Your Place or Mine? See Choice
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope visits an exhibition of Richard Wentworth's work and rounds up the important arts events of the week. The poet Jack Mapanje is in the studio
4.45 Short Story: How to Talk to a Hunter, by Pam Houston. Read by Lorelei King (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places: Janet Trewin and Peter Macann explore the world of transport
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week: Russell Davies with his selection of the best from BBC radio and television
8.05 Any Questions? Sir Peter Parker, businessman; Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of *Mineworkers; Dr David* Starkey, lecturer in international history, London School of Economics; and Diana Warwick, chief executive, Westminster Foundation for Democracy, tackle the issues raised at the University of Warwick in Coventry. The chairman is Jonathan Dimbleby
8.50 Law in Action, presented by Marcel Berlins
9.15 Kaleidoscope: The conductor Leonard Slatkin talks to Charles Hazelwood *about his* work with the St Louis Symphony Orchestra (r)
9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: *To the* Lighthouse, by Virginia Woolf. Read by Eileen Atkins (5/10)
11.00 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news. With Sally Grace, Jeffrey Holland and Toby Longworth
11.25 The Financial Week, with Heather Payton
11.45 Laughing Aloud
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** *Weather* **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (**LW** only)

RADIO CHOICE

Friday Feature: The Silver Knight. *Radio 3, 10.45pm.*

Do you regularly *tune in to the Friday Feature* on Radio 3? If not, why not? There is no arts documentary on radio quite like it. It is not aimed at the mass market; neither is it intended for coteries. It inhabits the relatively *unexplored* territory midway between the two. Tonight's feature is about Herbert Read, poet and author of seminal books about the role of the arts in industry, education and in society as a whole. Professor Norbert Lynton provides the biographical bones, and eminent experts put good, solid flesh on them.

Your Place or Mine? The Nun's Tale. *Radio 4, 3.30pm.*

These are the final thoughts and valedictory words of Kay Toogood and her parents and friends before she exchanges her old life in a tax office for a new one in an enclosed and silent order or nuns. If you can recall some of the many other radio programmes *about this* watershed decision, you may not think *The Nun's Tale* explores the attendant spiritual and domestic traumas deeply enough. But if this is your *first encounter with them, then Veronica Reinhardt's* report will provide much food for thought. **Peter Davalle**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (50929560) **8.40** *Lamb Chop's Play-a-Long* (4080299) **9.00** Cartoons (66947) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (93589) **10.00** Card Sharks (3574218) **10.25** Concentration (8807928) **10.50** Dynamo *Duck (8600015)* ***11.00*** *Sally Jessy Raphael* (88218) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (46183) **12.30pm** Paradise Beach (97305) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (85560) **2.00** Wheels (53034) **3.00** Another World (8893947) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (8795218) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (2589) **6.00** Games World (2831) **6.30** Paradise Beach (3183) **7.00** Rescue (3218) **7.30** Growing Pains (3367) **8.00** Wrestling (28299) **9.00** Cops (96819) **9.30** Code 3 (77541) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (as 5pm) (91302) **11.00** The Untouchables (69183) **12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (78139) **1.00am** Night Court (16416) **1.30-2.00** Maniac Mansion (53435)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise Europe (8387522) **9.30** Nightline (55183) **10.30** Memories of 1970-91 (46947) **11.30** Japan Business Today (57831) **12.30pm** World News and Business Report (40763) **1.30** CBS Morning News (18164) **2.30** Memories of 1970-91 (66928) **3.30** Nightline (75947) **4.30** World News and *Business Report (9980)* ***5.00*** *Live at Five* (973638) **7.30** Critical Earth (95928) **9.30** *Talkback* (65589) **11.30** CBS Evening News (24893) **12.30am** ABC News (83110) **1.30** Critical Earth (49603) **2.30** Memories of 1970-91 (82313) **3.30** Talkback (67058) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (83435) **5.30-6.00** CBS Evening News (72348)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (6207164)
10.00 Murderers' Row (1966): Spy spoof with Dean Martin (68893)
12.00 The Ambushers (1968): Dean Martin as Matt Helm (34909)
2.00pm Hostile Guns (1967). Western with George Montgomery (25102)
4.00 Namu, the Killer Whale (1966) A naturalist befriends the titular whale (7893)
6.00 Till There Was You (1991): Mark Harmon in Pacific island adventure *(18868218)* **7.40 US Top Ten** (162541)
8.00 Once Upon a Crime (1992): Americans in Europe caper (17183)
10.00 Marked for Death (1990): Explosive action on the streets of Chicago Starring Steven Seagal (651928)
11.35 My Name Called Bruce: Kung-fookery with Bruce Le as near-namesake Bruce Lee (122305)
1.00am Captive (1991). *Second-rank thriller* with Joanna Kerns (15482)
2.30 Leather Jackets (1990): Bridget Fonda, D.B. Sweeney and Cary Elwes in a *tale of youthful urban angst* (56232)
4.00 Savage Harvest (1981). Thrills among the Kenyan wildlife (3997049). Ends at **5.25**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Command Decision (1948, b/w) Clark Gable and Walter Pidgeon in second world war bomber drama (64788)
8.00 Fort Worth (1951): Retired gunslinger Randolph Scott has to pick up his pistols again when an outlaw hits town (8021909)
9.25 Love and Loyalty: A documentary on the film, *The Remains of the Day* (724283)
10.00 Klute (1971). With Donald Sutherland and Jane Fonda (73299). Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am The Buccaneer (1958) Pirates and patriots swashbuckler (24547812)
8.10 Follow That Bird (1985): *Sesame Street-derived fun for children* (87454473)
10.00 The Jolson Story (1946). Sentimental fictionalised biography (54075638)
12.10pm High Flight (1958): RAF training drama with Ray Milland (123183)
2.00 I Never Sang for My Father (1970): Gene Hackman has to cope with his demanding dad (23744)
4.00 Follow That Bird (as 8.10am) (8763)
6.00 Young Survivors (1982) Three children are stranded on a shipwreck (79180)
8.00 Misery (1990): Stephen King chiller with James Caan and Kathy Bates (15725)
10.00 Neon Empire (1991). Mobster thriller, with Ray Sharkey (10505164)
12.05am Intimate Stranger (1986): Deborah Harry overhears a murder (683329)
1.45 Keeping Secrets: Suzanne Somers in Her Own Story (1991). Biopic (565503)
3.20 Homer and Eddie (1989) James Belushi and Whoopi Goldberg as an odd couple (982868) Ends at **5.00**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (5161164) **7.15** Prime Bodies (884812) **7.45** Drag Racing (883183) **8.15** Soccer News (3092305) **8.30** ATP Tennis (32589) **9.00** Prime Bodies (16541) ***9.30** Andy Gray's Boot Room (39541)* **10.30** Watersports (88947) **11.30** Motorsport (84909) **12.30pm** Formula One (82763) **1.30** Golf World Cup (45812) **3.30** World Sports *Special (5947)* **4.00** Boots 'n' All (42305) **5.00** Andy Gray's Boot Room (4589) **6.00** Soccer Weekend (62218) **7.00** Golf (29611) **9.00** Australian Skins Golf (72034) **11.00** Soccer Weekend (29675) **12.00** The Footballers' Football Show (39416) **1.30-2.30am** French Football (52941)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (97980) **8.00** Golf (67819) **9.00** Show Jumping (48760) **10.00** Eurofun (87015) **10.30** Tennis ATP Tour (47003) **11.00** Snooker (13928) **12.00** Football 1994 World Cup Qualifiers (51102) **1.00pm** American Ice Hockey (37522) **2.00** Tennis (1806473) **5.30** Motorsport (35560) **6.30** Eurosport News (8021) **7.00** American Football (9706) **7.30** Tennis (754725) **10.30** Golf World Cup (916218) **1.00-1.30am** Eurosport News (70684)

UK GOLD
7.00am GP (4214367) **7.30** Neighbours (4226102) **8.00** Sons and Daughters *(7484744)* **8.30** EastEnders (7483015) **9.00** The Bill (7474367) **9.30** All Creatures Great and Small (2492299) **10.30** Casualty (5814251) **11.30** Rhoda (9276270) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7487831) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1665928) **1.00** EastEnders (4213638) **1.30** The Bill (1664299) **2.00** Are You Being Served? (8348367) **2.30** Bread (3877544) **3.00** Dallas (9287386) **4.00** *Dynasty (9268893)* ***5.00*** *Blankety Blank* (8362947) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (8277580) **6.00** Neighbours (2427003) **6.30** EastEnders (4427283) **7.00** All Creatures Great and Small (9710522) **8.00** Are You Being Served? (8351831) **8.30** Bread (8347638) **9.00** Casualty (9749034) **10.00** The Bill (7488560) **10.30** Rory Bremner (7464980) **11.00** Top of the Pops (8019763) **11.35** Dr Who (7728164) **12.05am** FILM: The City That Never Sleeps (1953) Chicago cops and robbers thriller (2990684) **1.40** Video Bites (25865874) **2.00-2.15** Shopping (77186706)

CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am RatKan II (548251) **9.00** Jack in the Box (36980) **11.00** Stories Without Words (75657) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (76386) **12.00** Fame (33314) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (47096) **3.00** The Care Bears (1588928) **3.25** RatKan II (3653657) **3.30** Orville and the *Gang (5589)* ***4.00*** *Sandokhan* (4096) **4.30-5.00** Runaway Bay (3980)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Dawn Patrol (21947) **7.30** Guts (79134) **8.00** Get the Picture (24560) **8.30** Wild Side Show (23831) **9.00** We All Have Tales (14183) **9.30** Fraggle Rock (41725) **10.00** Janosch's Dream (90589) **10.30** The World of David the Gnome (10367) **11.00** Sharon, Lois and Bram's Elephant Show (26367) **11.30** Eureeka's Castle (75251) **12.30pm** We All Have Tales (45541) **1.00** The World of David the Gnome (20218) **1.30** Wisdom of the Gnomes (44812) **2.00** Janosch's Dream (2744) **2.30** Special Delivery (1744) **3.00** Kablooey (1251) **3.30** Out of Control (3589) **4.00** Fraggle Rock (2096) **4.30** Hey Dude (1980) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (3096) **5.30** Get the Picture (5560) **6.00** Guts (2473) **6.30-7.00** Welcome Freshmen (3725)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Birds in Australia (5559034) **4.55** Only in Hollywood (60781831) **5.00** Search for Adventure (8349096) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (5897928) **6.50** Anne Martin's Postcards (6332831) **7.00** The Arctic (8340725) **7.30** The Global Family (5158359) **8.00** The Beerhunter (8359473) **8.30** Bush Tucker Man (8338980) **9.00** Connery: Profile of the actor Sean Connery (9747676) **10.00** Body Styles (7486102) **10.30** For Real: The Caledonian Challenge (7462522) **11.00-12.00** Legacy of the Hollywood Blacklist (4221657)

BRAVO
12.00 *Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman* (7489299) **12.30pm** FILM: The Countess of Monte Cristo (1948): Comedy with Dorothy Hart (3317096) **2.00** FILM: Brigadoon *(1954) Musical with Gene Kelly (2782541)* **3.50** Robert Benchley (3685676) **4.00** The Flying Nun (7572152) **4.30** My Three Sons (1172116) **5.00** The Beverly Hillbillies *(8357015)* ***5.30*** *The Donny and Marie Show* (3172398) **6.00** The Doris Day Show (6322819) **6.30** Car 54, Where Are You? (6122611) **7.00** The Mothers-in-Law (8337251) **7.30** The Smothers Brothers Show (3170025) **8.00** FILM: High Society *(1956): Musical remake of the Philadelphia Story* (27027183) **9.45** Art Linkletter and the Kids (2952164) **10.00** FILM: The Day the World Ended (1956, b/w): Fifties vision of *nuclear catastrophe* (5143657) **11.30-12.00** The Twilight Zone (6172096)

UK LIVING
7.00am Jayne and Friends (1119473) **8.00** Fame, Fortune and Romance (2484909) **8.30** Living Daylights (2476980) **9.00** Divorce Court (2490560) **9.30** Hot Topics (4630947) ***10.00** Beautywise (2190638)* ***10.30*** *Living* Extra (2498744) **11.00** The Advice Shop (8635096) **11.30** Eating Out With John Tovey (8636725) **12.00** Practical Living (41360015) **12.15pm** Kilroy (3016760) **1.00** Crosswits (2598676) **1.30** Infatuation (4633034) **2.00** Days of Our Lives (2191367) **3.00** Agony Hour (8630541) **4.00** Crosswits (5004299) **4.30** Infatuation (5093183) **5.00** Highlights of Jayne and Friends (8664812) **6.00** The Full Treatment (5014676) **6.30** Floyd on Fish (5005928) **7.00** Agony Hour (2557015) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (2566763) **9.00** *FILM. Assault and Matrimony (1987) Mutual* murder plots in a fraught marriage (2536522) **11.00** Divorce Court (8650305) **11.30** You're on the Air, with Dr Ruth (2189522) **12.00-1.00am** Days of Our Lives (1093481)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm The Wonder Years (5096) **5.30** *Danger Bay (7560)* ***6.00*** *Big Brother Jake* (4473) **6.30** Catchphrase (5725) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (8560) **7.30** All Clued Up (1909) **8.00** Snowy River (14201) **9.00** FILM. Partners in Love (1993). Eugene Levy and Linda Kash are a couple who think they are divorced (56522) **10.30** The Bob Newhart Show (55454) **11.00** Newhart (67638) **11.30** The Mary Tyler Moore Show (55015) **12.00-1.00am** Lou Grant (43481)

MTV
5.00am Awake on the Wild Side (1643619) **9.00** VJ Marijne (294928) **12.00** Greatest Hits (77164) **1.00pm** On Tour (432831) **3.30** Coca-Cola Report (1946676) **3.45** At the Movies (1934831) **4.00** News (1469270) ***4.15** 3 from 1 (1459893)* ***4.30*** *Dial MTV* (2638) **5.00** The Soul of MTV (7454) **5.30** Music Non-Stop (26218) **7.00** The Real World II (7218) **7.30** Most Wanted (89980) **9.00** Greatest Hits (99725) **10.00** Coca-Cola Report (178096) **10.15** At the Movies (166251) **10.30** News at Night (974015) **10.45** 3 from 1 (962270) **11.00** Post Modern (16812) **1.00am** VJ Marijne (28446) **2.00** Night Videos (4301752)

TV ASIA
6.00am Asian Morning (45102) **6.30** Punjabi News (7220744) **6.45** Gujarati News (5170893) **7.00** Bengali News (84015) **7.30** Hindi News (63522) **8.00** Urdu News (62744) **8.30** English News (76367) **9.30** Baaneh Ke Baad (33909) **10.30** Lifestyle (58675) **11.30** Telly Talk (53812) **12.00** Hindi, Urdu and English News (65831) **12.30pm** Nukkad (83725) **1.00** Lazawal (180251) **4.00** Kiddie Time (86763) **5.00-6.00** TVA Dedicated to You (1657) **7.00** Showtime with TV Asia (6560) **7.30** Sportsworld (9909) **8.00** English News (565909) **8.15** ID Youth (449367) **9.00** Paap Ki Duniya (654251) **12.05am** Sat N Live (6360400) **1.00** Bandhen Kachey Dhaagon Ka (9091077) **4.00** Maandi (26110) **5.00** Intezaar (90329) **5.30** Music (14348)

TNT
7.00pm The Swan (1956) Comedy of manners with Grace Kelly *and Alec Guiness* (63850386)
9.05 Green Fire (1955). Stewart Granger and Grace Kelly in emerald-prospecting intrigue (42474454)
11.00 Yolanda and the Thief (1945): Good dancing but flimsy plot in this Fred Astaire and Lucille Bremer whimsy (37584454)
1.05am We Were Dancing (1942, b/w). A princess runs off with another man at her engagement party With Ava Gardner and Norma Shearer (83889077)
3.00 The King's Vacation (1933, b/w) A monarch returns to his former wife in search of the simple life George Arliss and Dick Powell lead (56772416). Ends at **5.00**

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Twenty-four hour news

CMT
Country music from midnight to 4pm

QVC
Home shopping channel

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Tennis ready for rock-and-roll remedy


Luke Jensen: flashy

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READY or not, "rock and roll tennis" may soon be upon us. Spectators at Wimbledon may be encouraged to sing along to amplified choruses of Queen's *We Are The Champions*, indulge in Mexican waves and follow the chants of cheerleaders twiddling pom poms. And not just in the changeovers. All this could soon be taking place during rallies, too.

The Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) is to launch the world championship in Frankfurt next week with an open forum. The three subjects to be discussed on Monday are television presentation, the future growth of the game — and spectator involvement. Among the speakers will be an executive producer of MTV, the satellite channel devoted to pop music, and the Jensen brothers, Luke and Murphy, the French doubles champions who are best known as purveyors of the flashy, designer-dressed style of "rock and roll tennis".

The Jensens are already challenging the popularity of their equally flamboyant compatriot, Andre Agassi. They regularly appear in magazines across the world but not just tennis publications. Recently, they commanded a spread in *Rolling Stone* magazine. "They are creating a phenomenon," Peter Alfano, the ATP's communications director, said. "Their coverage far outweighs their success." The Jensens have been invited to pass on their wisdom to an audience of players, coaches and representatives of governing bodies, companies and the media.

The forum, entitled "Fans Experience" is to investigate the problem giving most cause for concern in the men's game. Attendances have risen, prize-money has increased and television coverage is wider. In one area, though, there is no growth. Although there should be a natural affiliation to competitors barely out of their teens, the sport is not attracting young spectators.

One of the solutions, according to the ATP, might be the promotion of audience participation. "Should a tennis crowd be hushed, polite and genteel or should it be as in football?" Alfano asks. The same question is to be raised in Frankfurt.

Nor does that promise to be the only controversial topic to be discussed under the informal chairmanship of a colourful character, Ion Tiriac, supposedly a moderator for the occasion but who is not averse to expressing strong views. Another proposal will urge manufacturers to design clothing specifically to be more attractive to youths.

The talks, however volatile, are likely to be as inconclusive as in the past. With the addition of a tournament in Bogota next year, the ATP tour will visit 87 venues in 39 countries. "There are 39 ways of doing things," as Alfano puts it. "It is difficult to get a clear majority." Two forums were held last year. The first examined the increasing speed of the game yet a survey revealed later, surprisingly, that spectators are infatuated with power. One of the main attractions was the figure displayed by the radar gun measuring services.

The second analysed the electronic line system. Ludicrously, it was to have been used for the first time at the US Open at Flushing Meadow in September. The organisers belatedly recognised the folly of introducing the experiment in a grand slam event without sufficient trials.

"These forums are designed to sample opinion and give the ATP direction," Alfano explained. "They raise some ideas and shoot others down. We feel the pulse. Any decision has to have an input from the fans, otherwise we would be operating in a vacuum."

Nevertheless, it is ominously significant that the ATP believes that self-confessed proponents of "rock and roll tennis" and television producers should be the chosen presenters in Frankfurt. Fears are also being raised within the women's game that principles may be sacrificed for the sake of the dollar.

The Americans continue to dominate the organisation of tennis, even though the geographical balance has shifted in the last few years. More and bigger tournaments are now held in Europe. Even the ATP world championship, which used to be staged in New York City, is now in Germany.

Ask anyone — player, coach, official, spectator or media representative — which is the worst tournament in the world and they will respond with one voice: the US Open, which represents the epitome of how an event should not be run.

The best tournament? By common agreement, it is Wimbledon, because of its history, tradition and decorum. Will the officials of the ATP alter the ambience with customs that do not always carry their appeal across the Atlantic? Perhaps they should take a look at the fate of EuroDisney.

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Uefa hold back on Cantona penalty

BY PETER BALL AND KEITH PIKE

ERIC Cantona, the Manchester United forward, may escape severe punishment for his conduct during and after the European Cup tie against Galatasaray in Istanbul last Wednesday.

The disciplinary committee of Uefa, European football's governing body, was meeting in Zurich yesterday to decide what action to take against the Frenchman, and although the outcome is not scheduled to be made public until lunchtime today, the indications are that Cantona's worst fears will not be realised. A ban on him representing his country next week has already been discounted.

Cantona was sent off by Kurt Rothlisberger, the Swiss referee, for comments and gestures he is alleged to have made to him near the end of the match in Turkey, a goalless draw which led to United's elimination from the European Cup.

The Uefa committee was considering the reports of Rothlisberger and its delegate at the match, and was also examining comments Cantona is alleged to have made subsequently in a television interview and to *l'Équipe*, the French sports newspaper, that quoted him as suggesting that some referees in European matches may have been bribed.

Cantona had denied making the accusations, but had been charged with "serious misconduct" and feared a lengthy suspension from United's future European campaigns, and a possible international ban.

However, an unnamed Uefa spokesman said yesterday that Cantona's previous good conduct at international level, and the fact that he had not insulted Rothlisberger directly, meant it was likely the committee would treat him leniently.

Rene Eberle, a spokesman for the disciplinary committee, also confirmed that Cantona would be able to play for France in their decisive World Cup qualifying tie against Bulgaria in Paris next Wednesday. "He can play, that's no problem," Eberle said. "The decision from Uefa will have no impact on his qualification for the World Cup."

Any international ban would have to be imposed by Fifa, the world governing body. "This case will not be transfered to Fifa," Eberle said.

Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, yesterday defended Cantona. "I think sometimes in this country we try to destroy our heroes rather than appreciate them," Ferguson said.

"Last Wednesday he was trying so hard, and he got so frustrated because he saw all their tricks and all the things that were going on."

Ferguson insisted that Cantona had not made a two-fingered gesture to Rothlisberger, but had held finger and thumb together to indicate that the referee had given United nothing. On the expected ban, Ferguson said: "We expect the worst because they seem to want to protect referees rather than human life. We could have had someone killed out there when you hear the stories of what happened to our supporters."

Speaking at the launch of his book, *Just Champion*, Ferguson said that the signing of Cantona from Leeds United for £1.2 million in November last year had been instrumental in winning the championship. At that price "he has to be the greatest bargain in the modern game", Ferguson said. "He would get in my world XI from my time in the game. We should nurture talent like that rather than trying to knock it down."

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Barry Lane, the Ryder Cup player, keeps the leaders in sight on his way to a first round 68 in the Sumitomo Masters tournament in Japan yesterday. Report, page 44

Coe calls for funding changes

SEBASTIAN Coe yesterday urged the government to start direct funding of elite competitors, warning that otherwise Britain would fall further behind other countries in the Olympic sports.

"We are dropping below what I know is necessary to win Olympic medals," Coe said. The winner of two Olympic 1500 metres titles also called for a structural revolution, with the minister for sport having executive powers and a budget, instead of handing over money to the Sports Council.

He regretted that Britain was "not much further down the road" than in 1984, when he carried out a review for the Sports Council of the preparation of leading competitors for the Los Angeles Games.

"For far too long excellence has been achieved on the cheap and on an *ad hoc* basis. It is no good Britain harbouring aspirations to stage the Olympic Games without proper funding of the competitors."

The Conservative MP for Falmouth and Camborne, who was addressing the annual conference of Business in Sport and Leisure in London, said that it was important to dismiss the belief that competitors only participated in the Olympic Games for money. Coe said that when he was asked to produce the report in 1984, he found that the weightlifters had paid for their own equipment and that the six members of the eight-man boxing team who were unemployed had their benefit stopped while they were at the Games because they were regarded as being on holiday.

"Before the last Winter Olympics, Wilf O'Reilly [the favourite for the short-track skating event] had been sleeping on a friend's floor for six weeks because he could not afford his own rent while preparing for the Games."

Coe, a former vice-chairman of the Sports Council, said that British sport needs "to think about a strategy. We may now be too far out of kilter in the balance between participation and excellence. This may not be politically correct. However, all the participation funding, in isolation, will produce very little."

Derek Casey, the acting director general of the Sports Council, said that progress had been made since Coe produced his Olympic review. "However, I agree that there should be greater support for individual athletes, not only financially but also for personal development and their role after competition."

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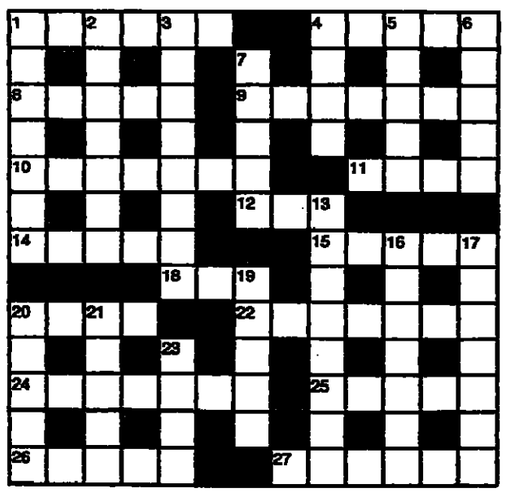
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ACROSS
1 Savoury morsel (6)
4 Twig broom (5)
8 Alpine province (5)
9 Endure to end (4,3)
10 Top game (7)
11 Loving concern (4)
12 Light sponge (3)
14 Bequeath (5)
15 Keep away from (5)
18 Mug (3)
20 Wise man (4)
22 Bunting (7)
24 Follower of Wyclif (7)
25 Permitted (5)
26 Awkward; risky (5)
27 Grazing area (6)

DOWN
1 Fortress (7)
2 The ultimate, for Buddhist (7)
3 Buttonless knitwear (8)
4 Play for charity (4)
5 People and language of Zimbabwe (5)
6 Bishop's headdress (5)
7 Inundation (5)
13 Old French prison (8)
16 Indebted (7)
17 10th-century N and E England (7)
19 Sydney beach (5)
20 Vegetable for eating raw (5)
21 Ice-cold (5)
23 New-born (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 10

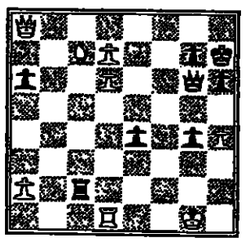
ACROSS: 1 Withdrawal 8 Nakedly 9 Lyric 10 Huff 11 Compiler 13 Heron 14 Chine 16 Birthday 17 Knee 20 Lodge 21 Sapling 22 Adam and Eve

DOWN: 1 Winch 2 Take for a ride 3 Dude 4 Anyhow 5 Allspice 6 Brilliantine 7 Scarce 12 In the end 13 Hobble 15 Balsam 18 Eagle 19 Spin

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is a variation from the game Short - Kasparov, Times World Championship, game 14. White has an extra piece and two pawns on the verge of queening, but these extra forces are doing nothing to defend his king. How can Black force mate?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

HALIEUTICS
a. Fishing
b. Interpretation by question
c. Study of chance

IDIOCRASY
a. Rule by idiots
b. Peculiarity
c. Personal choice

TORPLE
a. Torpid and lazy
b. To die
c. The pigmy tortoise

UNGULATA
a. Virginia creeper
b. Without a gullet
c. Having hooves

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